



**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT SENATE**

ELECTIONS GUIDE

FOR THE
2026-2027

OFFICER ELECTIONS

BECOME A GPSS OFFICER!

Thank you for your interest in a GPSS officer position. Serving fellow students is a significant responsibility and working to represent the needs and demands of graduate and professional programs at the University of Washington is an extremely rewarding endeavor.

THE ELECTIONS GUIDE

This guide was prepared by the Elections Committee and serves to assist you in developing your campaign. Running for an officer position in the GPSS is designed to be as efficient as possible and should require very little of your time and money. Most candidates limit their campaigns to the candidate materials posted on the GPSS website and a speech at the election meeting, although candidates are free to do more within the limits outlined below.

The GPSS Elections Committee is charged with creating, implementing, and monitoring the election procedures to ensure that this process is fair for all participants. These GPSS Elections Rules are derived from the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws. If any material in this packet conflicts with the GPSS Constitution or Bylaws, the Constitution and Bylaws prevail.

Complaints or challenges regarding the Officer Elections process or results must be submitted in writing to the Elections Committee Chair (gpsselect@uw.edu) within 72 calendar hours of the releasing of the election results.

OVERVIEW

The GPSS, composed of approximately 70 registered Senators from a vast array of graduate and professional programs at the UW, is an advocacy organization dedicated to improving graduate and professional student life at the University of Washington. The Senate works to maintain academic freedom for graduate and professional students, improve the quality of graduate instruction, develop and strengthen the University's diversity programs, maintain graduate and professional student representation through appointments to University committees, and ensure that quality student services are maintained at the UW.

The GPSS officers set the organization's goals, implement Senate directives, communicate goals and actions to the University and students, and report on progress toward achieving these directives. To that end, the GPSS Officers hold regular meetings of the Senate, a forum for graduate and professional students to voice their concerns and give direction to the GPSS. GPSS officers are accountable for managing a budget of nearly half a million dollars and ensuring GPSS representation on over 70 University committees. GPSS officers also provide a critical link connecting students, administrators, faculty, community, the state legislature, Congress, and state and national associations such as the Washington Student Association (WSA) and Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE).

To ensure that all officers have the capacity to complete these responsibilities, each position is

compensated for working 19.5 hours a week for the entire year, starting in June. Officers earn a wage equivalent to the salary of a TA or RA, receive graduate appointment health insurance, and their tuition is paid by the GPSS. Due to the significant obligations of the positions, officers may not concurrently hold a TA/RA appointment.

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§ 1.1: ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Elections Committee plans and orchestrates the annual GPSS Officer Elections.

It currently consists of the following Senators:

- Kylie Jones, **Elections Committee Chair**, School of Public Health, kjones03@uw.edu
- Muhammad Abu Bakar Tariq, **Executive Senator**, College of Built Environments, matariq@uw.edu
- Eli Drake, **Student Senator**, College of Arts and Sciences, Drakeel3@uw.edu
- Andrew Kramer, **Student Senator**, Jackson School of International Studies, awjskr@uw.edu
- Ayush Goyal, **Student Senator**, Foster School of Business, ayush87@uw.edu

The purpose of the Elections Committee is to ensure a fair process for all participants. Please submit all questions or concerns about the elections process to the Elections Committee Chair, gpssselect@uw.edu. Please do NOT contact the GPSS Officers regarding elections procedures; you will be referred to the Elections Committee.

The 2025-26 Elections Committee developed this election rules based on past Elections, the Bylaws and Constitution of GPSS, and a set of values and principles developed by the committee. The rules and processes in this Elections Guide are intended to:

- I. Facilitate legitimacy and transparency for the election itself and for GPSS;
- II. Be fair for candidates and GPSS as an institution;
- III. Be clear and simple to understand, follow, and enforce;
- IV. Be realistic considering GPSS's resources and institutional capacity;
- V. Integrate lessons learned from previous elections to improve upon the Elections process;
- VI. Be generally permissive, prohibiting or limiting conduct only to the extent necessary to serve the Constitution, Bylaws, and these values and principles.

§ 1.2: INDEPENDENT WITNESSES

To ensure complete fairness for all candidates participating in the elections process, the GPSS enlists independent witnesses. For the 2026-27 GPSS Officer Elections, the independent witnesses will be advisors designated by the Associated Director for Student Activities:

- **Christina Coop**, SAO advisor
- **Alan Galvez**, SAO advisor

Challenges to the impartiality of the witnesses must be submitted in writing to the Judicial Committee at least 48 hours before the Elections Meeting on April 29th, 2026. To contact the Judicial Committee, communicate with VP of Equity and Inclusion, Pavandeep Josan, at gpssvpei@uw.edu or to the Judicial Committee at gpssjudi@uw.edu

§ 1.3: IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Date	Event/Deadline	Notes
March 18, 2026	Election Guide Released & Officer Nomination Form Opens	Candidates can review the guide and begin preparing their materials.
March 30, 2026	Campaign Start Date	Candidates may begin campaigning from this date.
April 1, 2026	Executive Committee Meeting	HUB 303 or Zoom, 5:30 PM onwards. May count toward candidate meeting requirements.
April 8, 2026	GPSS Senate Meeting	HUB 332 or Zoom, 5:30 PM onwards. Counts as meeting under parliamentary procedure.
April 19, 2026, 5:30pm	Candidacy Filing Deadline	Submit Officer Candidate Nomination Form, Statement of Objectives, Resume/CV, completed attendance quiz, meeting attendance info, and optional PowerPoint slide via Microsoft Forms.
April 22, 2026	Executive Committee Meeting	HUB 303 or Zoom, 5:30 PM onwards. May count toward candidate meeting requirements.
April 22, 2026, 6:00 PM	Floor Nomination Announcement	Elections Committee will announce if nominations from the floor are allowed for specific officer positions.
April 24, 2026	Candidate Confirmation	Elections Committee confirms receipt of materials and eligibility via email.
April 29, 2026, 5:30pm	Officer Elections Meeting	HUB 332/Zoom. Officer elections and potential nominations from the floor for positions with ≤ 1 candidate.
Within 72 hours after release of election results	Challenge Submission	Candidates may submit written challenges to the Elections Committee Chair regarding election procedures or results.
Within 7 business days after the election	Final Results Announcement	Elections Committee finalizes and posts results via email and GPSS website.

§2.0: GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Read the entire Elections Guide, paying particular attention to the GPSS Election Rules.

Familiarize yourself with the agendas and minutes of past GPSS meetings, as well as the GPSS Constitution, By-Laws, Memoranda, and Resolutions. All of these materials are available on the GPSS website (<http://depts.washington.edu/gpss/>) under the About GPSS section*.

**Please note that as of March 4, 2026, the GPSS Senate voted to approve changes to the GPSS By-Laws that affect the elections process and the roles of executive officers. This guide reflects those approved changes and may differ from the version of the By-Laws currently available on the GPSS website while the Judicial Committee works to update the publicly posted documents. If you have any additional questions, please contact the Elections Committee for clarification.*

§ 2.1: ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDACY

The following criteria outline the eligibility requirements for individuals seeking to run for a GPSS Officer position. All candidates must meet these requirements prior to the Elections Meeting in order to be considered eligible for candidacy:

- Be in good academic standing as defined by the Graduate School (minimum cumulative 3.00 GPA);
- Must attend at least three GPSS Senate, Executive, or qualifying committee meetings during the 2025–2026 academic year prior to the Elections Meeting (see Section 2.2);
- Intend to maintain graduate or professional student status and be on campus for the entire 2026–2027 academic year;
- Not be a member of the GPSS Judicial Committee or Elections Committee;
- Be able to work 19.5 hours per week for GPSS during the 2026–2027 academic year, including: 8 hours per week in the GPSS office between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday–Friday; (4 for President)
- Be available to attend Senate, Executive Committee, and other required meetings;
- Incoming graduate or professional students are eligible to run but must provide proof of registration or enrollment for the upcoming Summer or Fall term to the Elections Committee;

Additional Role-Specific Requirement:

- The Vice President of External Affairs may take a reduced course load during Winter Quarter and is expected to be in Olympia at least three days per week during the legislative session. This position is exempt from the office-hour requirement during active legislative sessions.

§ 2.2: CANDIDATE MEETING REQUIREMENTS

All candidates do not need to be currently active in GPSS (e.g., as Senators, committee members, or staff). However, candidates must attend at least 3 GPSS meetings during the 2025–2026 academic year before the Elections Meeting (on April 29th, 2026). Please see the following meeting requirements:

- One meeting governed by rules of parliamentary procedure, which may be satisfied by attending a Senate, Executive Committee, or Finance & Budget Committee meeting.
 - Executive Meeting:
 - April 1st - HUB 303 or Zoom - 5:30 pm onwards - gpsspres@uw.edu
 - April 22nd - HUB 303 or Zoom - 5:30 pm onwards - gpsspres@uw.edu
 - If you attend this meeting, please indicate this on the filing form.
 - Senate:
 - April 8th - HUB 332 or Zoom - 5:30 pm onwards - gpssvpadmin@uw.edu
 - Finance & Budget Committee Meeting:
 - The April meeting times will be confirmed by the Committee Chair in late March. For more information or to attend, please contact Riley Talamantes at gpssvpfb@uw.edu.
- Watch one Candidate Information Session recorded by the Elections Committee. The recording will be released March 18th.
 - **To meet this eligibility requirement and confirm participation, candidates must complete the accompanying quiz by the April 19 candidacy filing deadline.**
- CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION LINK: ([here](#), or tinyurl.com/gpss-info-session-2627)
- One additional GPSS meeting from the following list:
 - Any GPSS Senate or Executive Meetings from the 2025-2026 Academic year.
 - Any additional GPSS Committee Meeting:
 - Diversity Committee: contact: gpssvpei@uw.edu
 - Judicial Committee: contact: gpssvpei@uw.edu
 - Legislative Advisory Board: contact: gpssvpex@uw.edu
 - If a candidate is unable to attend any of the above meetings in the “One

additional GPSS meeting from the following list” section, this requirement may be satisfied by meeting with a current GPSS officer to discuss the position they are interested in and to learn more about the role and its responsibilities.

- The current officers and their contact information are listed below:
 - President: Ryan Wicklund; gpsspres@uw.edu
 - Vice President of External Affairs: Annika Peterson; gpssvpex@uw.edu
 - Vice President of Equity & Inclusion: Pavandeep Josan; gpssvpei@uw.edu
 - Vice President of Administration: Maitri Karia; gpssvpadmin@uw.edu
 - Vice President of Finance: Riley Talamantes; gpssvpfb@uw.edu
- As per the March 4, 2026, bylaw amendment, the Vice President of Internal Affairs position has been collapsed into the positions that are able to be elected. We still encourage candidates to still reach out to the outgoing Vice President of Internal Affairs, Juan

It is recommended that candidates attend the meetings of the following committees, depending on which officer position they intend to run for:

- **President:** It is recommended that Presidential Candidates attend one Senate meeting and one Executive Committee meeting (the meeting used to satisfy the parliamentary procedure requirement may also be counted here if applicable).
- **Vice President of External Affairs:** It is recommended that Candidates for the Vice President of External Affairs attend one meeting of the Legislative Advisory Board.
- **Vice President of Equity and Inclusion:** It is recommended that Candidates for Vice President of Equity and Inclusion attend one meeting of the Diversity Committee.
- **Vice President of Administration:** It is recommended that Candidates for Vice President of Administration attend a Senate meeting and an Executive Committee meeting.
- **Vice President of Finance:** It is recommended that Candidates for Vice President of Finance attend one meeting at minimum of the Finance & Budget Committee (the meeting used to satisfy the parliamentary procedure requirement may also be counted here if applicable).

§ 2.3: FILING FOR CANDIDACY

Candidates may announce their intention to run for a GPSS Officer position at any time, **up to 10 calendar days before the election meeting**. Candidates may file to run by submitting the required information to the Elections Committee. Candidates can also self-nominate or receive and accept a nomination from the floor during the Elections Meeting per the GPSS By-Laws, only if a position has one or less candidates at the Officer Election Meeting*. Any person eligible to run can also receive write-in votes. However, candidates are encouraged to

communicate their intentions to seek office to the Elections Committee as early as possible.

Officer Candidate Nomination Form:

The following items are included on the Officer Candidate Nomination Form contained in this guide and must be completed by all candidates:

- Required Materials
 - A statement of any academic, employment, or personal responsibilities that might prevent fulfilling officer duties.
 - An affirmative statement confirming eligibility requirements are met.
 - An affirmative statement confirming that all elections-related materials have been reviewed and clarification sought if needed.
- Completion of the attendance quiz for the mandatory Candidate Information Session recording ([here](#), or tinyurl.com/gpss-info-session-2627)
 - Statement of Objectives (1–2 pages, 11pt font, double-spaced).
 - Resume/CV (1–2 pages).
 - Meeting Attendance Information: Space to indicate which GPSS Senate or committee meetings you have attended or plan to attend to meet eligibility requirements.
 - Information for one PowerPoint Slide that is to be presented during the Election.

All materials are submitted together via the Microsoft Forms link by **Sunday, April 19, 2026, 5:30 PM**. After the April 19 deadline, all candidates that meet the required GPA and meeting requirements will receive confirmation of receipt via email by end of business day on Friday, April 24th.

§ 3.0: CANDIDATE SUBMISSION MATERIALS

In addition to completing the Officer Candidate Nomination Form (attached at the end of this guide and linked [[here](#)](tinyurl.com/gpssnomform2627), candidates are required to submit the

following materials to ensure their candidacy is complete (candidates must be signed into their UW account to access the nomination form):

§ 3.1: CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

Candidates are required to watch the mandatory Candidate Information Session recording ([here](#), or tinyurl.com/gpss-info-session-2627) and complete the accompanying attendance quiz via the Officer Candidate Nomination Form (tinyurl.com/gpssnomform2627). The quiz questions are based on the content of the session and must be submitted by **Sunday, April 19, 2026, 5:30 PM** to confirm participation and eligibility for candidacy.

The questions for the quiz are as follows:

1. What is the deadline to submit the Officer Candidate Nomination Form and required materials?
 - a. April 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 - b. April 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 - c. April 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 - d. April 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM
2. Which of the following meetings qualifies as the meeting conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure required for candidacy?
 - a. A meeting with a GPSS officer
 - b. A GPSS committee meeting that does not use parliamentary procedure
 - c. A GPSS Senate or Executive Committee meeting
 - d. A student organization meeting
3. During the Candidate Forum at the Elections Meeting, how will the order of candidate responses be determined?
 - a. Candidates choose when they want to speak
 - b. The Elections Committee Chair decides during the meeting
 - c. The order is determined randomly in advance and rotates for each question
 - d. Candidates respond in order of seniority in their program
4. What was the code word shown during the Candidate Information Session recording?
 - a. Kraken
 - b. Torrent
 - c. Mariners
 - d. Storm
 - e. Sounders
 - f. Reign
 - g. Seahawks
 - h. Seawolves
 - i. Orca
5. What happens if a position has one or fewer candidates by the nomination deadline?
 - a. The position is canceled for the year
 - b. Nominations from the floor may be allowed at the Elections Meeting
 - c. The Elections Committee appoints someone to the position

- d. The position automatically goes to the existing officer

§ 3.2: MEETING ATTENDANCE SECTION

Candidates should report at least three GPSS Senate or committee meetings they have attended or plan to attend during the 2025–26 academic year, including at least one meeting conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure, as outlined in Section 2.2 Candidate Meeting Requirements, by **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, prior to the Elections Meeting.

If you have already attended the two additional meetings beyond the Candidate Information Session, list the meeting names and dates.

Example – If you have attended:

Meeting 1: Finance Committee – Date: March 10, 2026

Meeting 2: Senate Meeting (Parliamentary Procedure) – Date: February 18, 2026

If you have not yet attended them, indicate the meetings you plan to attend and confirm your planned attendance with an executive officer or the chair of the meeting to ensure it counts toward your candidacy.

Example – If you plan to attend:

Planned Meeting 1: Meeting with GPSS Vice President of Finance – Date: April 15, 2026

Planned Meeting 2: Senate Meeting (Parliamentary Procedure) – Date: April 8, 2026

Tip: Make sure at least one meeting you list is a Senate or committee meeting conducted under parliamentary procedure, as required for eligibility.

§ 3.3: STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES PROMPT

Your Statement of Objectives should be 1–2 pages, 11pt font, double-spaced, and address the following topic areas. These are suggestions to guide your writing; you may organize your statement as you see fit:

1. Motivation for running: Why are you seeking this GPSS Officer position? What drives you to serve the graduate and professional student community at the University of Washington?
2. Relevant experiences and perspectives: What past experiences, skills, or perspectives prepare you for this role? Include involvement in GPSS, other student leadership roles, academic or professional work, or collaborative projects.

3. Vision and objectives: What specific goals or initiatives would you pursue if elected? How do these align with GPSS's mission to represent and advocate for graduate and professional students?
4. Skills and leadership qualities: Highlight skills, experiences, or leadership traits that will help you succeed as a GPSS Officer.
5. Community engagement and communication: How will you engage with Senators, constituents, and university administrators? Describe how you plan to advance GPSS goals and build community during your term.

§ 3.4: RESUME/CV

Candidates must upload a current Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV), 1–2 pages in length.

Suggested content includes (but is not limited to):

- Education: Current graduate or professional program, prior degrees, and relevant academic achievements.
- Leadership and involvement: GPSS roles, student organizations, committees, or other leadership experiences.
- Professional experience: Work, internships, research, or projects relevant to the officer position.
- Skills and accomplishments: Highlight skills, certifications, or experiences that demonstrate your ability to succeed in the GPSS Officer role.
- These suggestions are meant to guide candidates in presenting a complete picture of their qualifications, but candidates may choose to include other relevant information.

§ 3.5: CANDIDATE POWERPOINT SLIDE

Candidates should submit a text document with the content they would like displayed on their introductory PowerPoint slide. The Elections Committee will create the slide based on this text.

Guidelines for the text submission:

- Keep text minimal, ideally under 75 words.
- Use bullet points to highlight key achievements or focus areas.
 - Tip: Use the “6×12” rule as a guide: max 6 lines, under 12ish words per line.
- Think visually: consider how your text could pair with images or graphics.
- Prioritize readability and clarity—short, clear statements work best.
- Optional: If candidates would like to include a photo, they may upload an image in the form to be included on their slide.

Note: Senators will have access to your Statement of Objectives and Resume/CV prior to the election. The submitted PowerPoint text is intended solely as a visual aid to accompany your spoken introduction during the Officer Elections Meeting.

Candidates are encouraged to submit text in the following style for the Elections Committee to create their introductory slide. Bullet points are the preferred format, but this is only a suggestion—the content, style, and wording of the slide are up to the candidate.

Example of submission style (for reference only):

- Kylie (She/Her/Hers), MPH in Epidemiology, 1st Year,
- Running for: GPSS Vice President of External Affairs
- Previous experience: Elections Chair, GPSS; Undergraduate VP External Affairs, UC Irvine
- How experience helps: Prepared to lead initiatives and represent graduate student interests
- Goals for the position: Improve communication, expand advocacy, increase legislative participation
- Fun fact: Competed for Team USA in Kung Fu, 2 World Championship golds

This example is provided to demonstrate the suggested format; candidates may choose their own six bullet points or content as they see fit.

§ 4.0: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The GPSS Bylaws, Article V, Section B, outline the general duties of all officers. All the officers are responsible for setting GPSS goals and implementing specific actions based on the directives of the GPSS and the Executive Committee. Officers communicate these directives, goals, and actions to the graduate and professional student body, University administrators, University faculty, and the community at large. Officers make reports to the Executive Committee and the Senate on progress made toward achieving these directives. A year-end summary report is presented to the Senate. Officers meet with each other on a weekly basis to keep current on the status of GPSS projects.

All officers are paid to work 19.5 hours per week with a minimum of 8 hours in the office (4 hours

for the President) between the standard business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The remaining hours may be spent attending meetings and holding appointments outside of the office. The office hours requirement does not apply to the Vice President of External Affairs during the months in which the State Legislature is in session. Officers may not hold any other Graduate Student Service Appointment (herein referred to as a GSSA) while in office. The GPSS Officers serve a 12-month term, which begins June 13, 2026 and continues until the end of the 2027 Spring Quarter.

A graduate or professional student may only serve three (3) consecutive terms as an elected GPSS officer, of any officer position. All GPSS officers must attend an orientation by the GPSS advisors, held during the first month of their term. Additionally, the GPSS Bylaws outline the specific duties of each office

§ 4.1: PRESIDENT

The GPSS President acts as the key spokesperson for the GPSS and the graduate and professional student body, representing the organization in both internal and external affairs. The President represents GPSS at the highest level of administration in individual meetings, committees, and boards at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Responsibilities:

- The President serves as the key spokesperson of the organization and representative of the graduate and professional student body, representing GPSS at the highest levels of University administration and external engagement.
- The President presides over meetings of the GPSS Senate and the GPSS Executive Committee, voting only in the event of a tie.
- Both internally and externally, the President maintains final authority on issues until they can be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee or the GPSS.
 - When immediate action is necessary, the President solicits assistance from the other officers, particularly those whose purview pertains most closely to the issue at hand, and informs the Executive Committee or Senate of such decisions at the earliest opportunity.
- The President appoints and removes members of GPSS committees over which the President has supervisory authority, subject to approval by a simple majority of the Executive Committee.
- The President maintains supervisory responsibility over GPSS committees, including but not limited to the Graduate Arts Council and the Science and Policy Committee.
- The President serves as an ex-officio (non-voting) member of all GPSS committees, except for the Judicial Committee and Elections Committee.
- The President recommends and appoints graduate and professional student liaisons to GPSS positions on University committees, councils, boards, commissions, and task forces, in collaboration with other officers and the Executive Committee.

- The President coordinates with GPSS officers to ensure that university committees listed under each officer's portfolio are filled either by the officers themselves or by a designated graduate or professional student representative.
- The President informs GPSS liaisons of GPSS resolutions, positions, and policies, maintains records of liaison reports, and ensures that liaisons submit reports on their activities on a quarterly basis.
- The President coordinates and conducts regular meetings with GPSS officers, individually or collectively, no fewer than once per month.
- The President coordinates transition meetings between outgoing and newly elected officers.
- The President participates in and supports internal GPSS programming and events where appropriate.
- The President advances GPSS outreach to alumni and supports development initiatives related to graduate and professional student engagement.
- As a guiding principle, the President maintains constructive relationships with members of the UW Administration, leadership of the local union under which Academic Student Employees (ASEs) are contracted with the university (UAW 4121), and other internal and external entities, with the purpose of representing all graduate and professional students at the University of Washington while maintaining the ability to carry out directives of the GPSS Senate.
- The President speaks at UW Convocation and the UW Commencement Ceremony.
- The President performs other duties as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the office.

Internal Committees: All GPSS committees except for Judicial (ex-officio).

University Committees/Affiliations: GPSS Senate (Chair); GPSS Executive Committee (Chair); GPSS Legislative Advisory Board (LAB); Board of Regents (ex-officio); Faculty Senate (ex-officio); Faculty Senate Executive Committee (ex-officio); Faculty Senate Council on Planning and Budgeting (SCPB) (ex-officio); Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS) (member; appoints three graduate members); Graduate School Executive Staff (GSES); Graduate School Council; Graduate School Council Policy Committee; Tri-Campus Advisory Board for Students (TABS); University Facilities Committee; Services and Activities Fee Committee (appoints three graduate voting members); Student Technology Fee Committee (appoints four graduate voting members); U-PASS Advisory Board (appoints three graduate voting members); Student Regent Selection Committee; Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee; Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award Committee; Library Fines Committee; Trademarks and Licensing Committee; Community Standards & Student Conduct Committee; University Bookstore Board of Trustees; Husky Union Building Board of Representatives; Graduate School Core Programs Student Advisory Board; UW Office of Ceremonies; UW Career Center; UW Counseling Center; Office of the Ombud; Sponsorship Advisory Committee; Any other campus entity that requests or whose bylaws specify direct involvement of the GPSS President or a designee, at the President's discretion.

External Affiliations: Washington Student Association (WSA) Board of Directors (ex-officio, non-voting); United States Student Association (USSA) (voting member); Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE); Any other external entities whose efforts align with the advocacy initiatives of GPSS, in collaboration with the Vice President of External Affairs.

§ 4.2: VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Vice President of External Affairs (VP External Affairs) serves as the deputy to the President on external matters and is the primary representative of GPSS to local, state, and federal governments, as well as other relevant bodies. The VP External Affairs advocates for graduate and professional students, advances the GPSS legislative agenda, and collaborates closely with the President and Executive Committee to represent GPSS interests.

Responsibilities:

- Advocate for graduate and professional students to local, state, and federal governments, and other relevant bodies as needed.
- Outline issues to be taken up by GPSS in an annual legislative agenda, developed with the Legislative Advisory Board and approved by GPSS each Fall Quarter. This agenda serves as the principal guiding document for advocacy work.
- Register with the State of Washington as a lobbyist for higher education during the legislative session and maintain a notable presence in Olympia at least three days per week during the session.
- Work with internal and external partners on issues within the VP's purview, including representing GPSS on relevant university commissions, committees, and councils.
- Supervise committees under the VP's purview, including but not limited to the Legislative Advisory Board (Chair).
- Serve on, or send a designee to, the following standing committees:
 - GPSS Executive Committee
 - ASUW Board of Directors (voting seat; member of the GPSS Executive Board only)
 - ASUW Office of Government Relations
 - UW Office of External Affairs (State and Federal Relations)
 - Faculty Senate Legislative Representative
 - UW Impact; Legislative Advocacy Committee
 - Washington Student Association Board of Directors (voting member)
- Serve as a GPSS representative to United States Student Association and other national organizations addressing federal legislative issues.
- Attend, or designate a delegate to attend, WSA, USSA, or other legislative conferences and/or conventions, subject to available funds.
- Represent GPSS to elected and administrative officials of Washington State, the United States, and local governments within the state.
- Collaborate with external organizations including National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS), Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE),

National Science Policy Group (NSPG), and Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (WSU GPSA), and other entities aligned with GPSS advocacy initiatives.

- Attend legislative hearings, meet with legislators, and provide testimony as appropriate.
- Research and prepare briefs on legislative and policy issues as requested by the President, Executive Committee, or GPSS.
- Keep GPSS, the Executive Committee, Officers, and graduate/professional students informed of issues before legislative and external bodies.
- Support and collaborate with the President on external issues and advocacy efforts.
- Report to and seek input from GPSS on legislative matters.
- May take a reduced course load during the legislative session; the reduced load must be approved by the student's department/program and petitioned through The Graduate School. This is recommended by the WSA to facilitate lobbying work but is not automatically granted.
- Perform other tasks as necessary to fulfill the duties of the office.
- Assume the external duties of the President in the event the President vacates office.

Internal Committees: Executive Committee and Legislative Advisory Board (Chair)

University Committees/Affiliations: ASUW Office of Government Relations; ASUW Legislative Steering Committee; UW Office of External Affairs (State and Federal Relations); UW Impact, Legislative Advocacy Committee; Faculty Senate Legislative Representative; any other university committees or commissions related to GPSS external affairs as designated by the President or Executive Committee.

External Affiliations: Washington Student Association (WSA) Board of Directors (voting member); Student Advocates for Graduate Education (SAGE, non-voting member); United States Student Association (USSA, voting member); elected and administrative officials of Washington State; elected and administrative officials of the United States; National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS); National Science Policy Group (NSPG); Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (WSU GPSA); any other external entities whose efforts align with the advocacy initiatives of GPSS.

§ 4.3: VICE PRESIDENT OF EQUITY & INCLUSION

The Vice President of Equity and Inclusion (VP Equity & Inclusion) serves as the Chief Officer of Diversity on behalf of GPSS and champions diversity, equity, and inclusion both within GPSS and across the University of Washington. The VP Equity & Inclusion regularly practices internal and external accountability to ensure GPSS goals and programming reflect inclusive practices.

Responsibilities:

- Integrate diversity, equity, and inclusion into GPSS goals and activities in collaboration with the other Officers and Executive Committee.
- Conduct internal reviews of GPSS on issues relevant to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- Collaborate broadly with graduate and professional students, administration, faculty, staff, and others on diversity programming and events.
- Receive grievances from graduate and professional students concerning inequities along lines of difference (including but not limited to racism, homophobia, sexism, ableism, bigotry, and xenophobia) and refer grievances or complaints to the Judicial Committee for investigation when applicable.
- Maintain a publicly-available equity toolkit for graduate and professional students to apply in university settings.
- Promote and ensure the delivery of GPSS Diversity Funds.
- Maintain oversight of planning and implementation of all GPSS programs, events, and summits.
- Supervise GPSS committees under the VP's purview, including but not limited to the Empowerment, Diversity, and Accountability Committee (Chair) and Judicial Committee (ex-officio).
- Coordinate student feedback surveys and focus group conversations for all Graduate School program reviews, producing the GPSS report on student feedback to supplement review committee site visit reports.
- Solicit and sponsor petitions from underrepresented, non-academic groups without Senate representation as described in the GPSS Bylaws.
- Perform other tasks as necessary to fulfill the duties of the VP Equity & Inclusion.

Internal Committees: GPSS Executive Committee; Diversity Committee (Chair); Judicial Committee (ex-officio)

University Committees/Affiliates: Diversity Council; Graduate Student Equity and Excellence Student Advisory Board; Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity Student Advisory Board (voting member); Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs/Faculty Council on Women in Academia (voting member); International Student Advisory Committee

§ 4.4: VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The Vice President of Administration (VP Administration) oversees GPSS records and publications, facilitates communication among GPSS, Senators, and their constituents, and regulates GPSS Senate membership. The VP Administration ensures compliance with GPSS governing documents as well as university, local, state, and federal policies.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the application for Senate representation as described in the GPSS Bylaws.
- Maintain the GPSS mailing list through a Senator registration process that collects at minimum Senators' name, program/department/school, and email address.
- Serve as the Parliamentarian of the Senate, ensuring meetings follow the procedures set forth in the most recent edition of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure by Alice Sturgis.

- Administer official GPSS records and documents accurately with a uniform filing and archiving system, including the GPSS Constitution and Bylaws, records of meetings (minutes and agendas), resolutions, and main motions.
- Assist Senators and other graduate students in submitting resolutions, presenting resolutions for readings at Senate meetings, and forwarding passed resolutions to UW and external parties.
- Manage internal and external communications from the GPSS office, including distributing minutes, agendas, and resolutions to Senators; sending updates and announcements on events and activities; maintaining the GPSS website regarding official documents; and developing publications for internal and external audiences.
- Coordinate and oversee staff training and onboarding, maintain the GPSS Personnel Policy manual, and schedule/conduct regular staff meetings.
- Receive training and ensure all actions by or on behalf of GPSS comply with UW policies, reporting requirements, privacy, and local, state, and federal laws.
- Support the President by responding to requests, presiding over GPSS or Executive Committee meetings in the President's absence, and assuming the duties of the President if the President vacates office.
- Perform other tasks as necessary to fulfill the duties of the Vice President of Administration.

Internal Committees: Executive Committee

University/External Committees/Affiliates: Board of Student Publications; Committee of Student Records; Office of the Ombud

§ 3.5: VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

The Vice President of Finance (VP Finance) serves as the Chief Financial Officer of GPSS and administers all aspects of the GPSS budget. The VP Finance ensures fiscal oversight, provides financial guidance to officers and committees, and maintains accurate records of all organizational expenditures.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee all GPSS expenditures and maintain accurate financial records of spending for all officers and committees in collaboration with the Student Activities Office (SAO), ensuring that GPSS financial records match the administrative budget.
- Administer all funding and transfer requests as described in the GPSS Bylaws, and ensure that all monetary transactions are properly tracked and monitored.
- Respond to internal and external inquiries regarding the organization's financial status, maintaining accurate records at all times.
- Present the current GPSS budget by the second meeting of each academic year, and provide quarterly financial reports to the Senate and Executive Committee.
- Assist Senators and graduate students with applications for special, departmental, and travel funds.

- Draft proposed budgets for each officer for the upcoming fiscal year and facilitate budget approval in accordance with the Bylaws.
- Provide a fiscal perspective on legislative or policy issues in collaboration with the Vice President of External Affairs.
- Represent the student voice on campus in financial matters.
- Manage the GPSS endowment and ensure proper receipt of dividends from initial investments.
- Supervise GPSS committees under the VP Finance's purview, including the Finance and Budget Committee (Chair) and Travel Grants Committee (Chair).
- Coordinate and oversee the hiring of GPSS staff during the summer hiring cycle and assist officers with human resources procedures related to recruitment and budgeting; ongoing personnel management transitions to the Vice President of Administration after hiring.
- Serve as Unit Lead for preparation of the Orientation SAF Packet and GPSS annual SAF request.
- Perform other tasks as necessary to fulfill the duties of the Vice President of Finance.

Internal Committees: GPSS Executive Committee; Finance and Budget Committee (Chair); Travel Grants Committee (Chair)

University Committees/Affiliates: Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAF, voting member); Student Technology Fee Committee (STF, voting member); various financial and hiring committees as needed

§ 5.0: GPSS ELECTIONS RULES FOR OFFICER CANDIDATES

The GPSS Elections are governed by the GPSS Bylaws. Elections regulations are covered in Article V, Section I, Clause 1-7. A brief summary of these regulations is provided here for your convenience. In the event of any conflict between the rules as published here and the rules published in the Bylaws, those published in the Bylaws take precedence.

§ 5.1: TIME & PLACE

GPSS Officer Elections will be held on **April 29, 2026, at 5:30 PM, HUB 332/Zoom.**

Subject to change in the event of scheduling conflicts. Any changes will be announced by the Elections Committee.

§ 5.2: CAMPAIGNING

All campaigning from candidates will be conducted with respect for all candidates involved. We hold our officers and elected officials to the highest ethical standards and expect candidates to conduct themselves accordingly.

GPSS, for purposes of publishing and managing elections, does not indicate affiliated relationships of candidates.

Campaigning must not begin before the Campaign Start Date, **Monday, March 30th, 2026**.

Campaigning may include, but is not limited to, the following activities, when such activities are undertaken by a candidate or a candidate's affiliates:

- A. Distributing flyers or other printed materials to promote a candidate.
- B. Addressing individuals and/or groups of students to promote a candidate.
- C. Placing signs, sandwich boards, and/or lawn signs with the intent of promoting a candidate.
- D. Use of electronic or social media to promote a candidate.
- E. Any other public activity intended to promote a candidate.

No candidate or candidate's affiliate may, in the course of campaigning:

- A. Campaign in the ASUW or GPSS offices;
- B. Campaign in the HUB;
- C. Store campaign materials within ASUW or GPSS offices;
- D. Campaign at any event or meeting that is conducted, funded, or sponsored by the GPSS, with exception of election forums;
- E. Violate the Facility Services Policy, the Residence Hall Solicitation Policy, or any UW IT policies, including the improper posting of campaign signage;
- F. Interfere with the neutrality of the ballot;
- G. Remove or deface any lawfully placed political advertising without authorization;
- H. Interfere with the academic instruction and mission of the University, including;
 - a. Campaign in University buildings without the permission of the building supervisor;
 - b. Campaign in a classroom without the permission of the instructor, or;
 - c. Violate any applicable federal, state, or local laws;
- I. Offer unfair advantages or privileges in exchange for support.

Candidates will not appeal to prejudices based on race, creed, sex, caste, national origin, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, disability, or citizenship status. Candidates will not participate in personal vilification, defamation, and other attacks on any opposing candidate, party, or ballot measure advocate.

Candidates will not use their current position within GPSS (including but not limited to Senators, Executive Senators, GPSS Officers, GPSS office employees, and GPSS Committee Chairs) to

solicit votes through bribery, threats, or any other form of improper inducement.

Candidates must not seek endorsements prior to the Campaign Start Date of **Monday, March 30, 2026**. Candidates must not imply or refer to the endorsement of a person, group, or entity without the consent of that endorsing person, group, or entity.

GPSS Senators may endorse candidates in either their official or personal capacity. Sitting GPSS Officers, Executive Senators, members of the Judicial Committee, and members of the Elections Committee may not endorse any candidates in an official capacity (as defined as the use of titles or GPSS email) and are strongly discouraged from doing so in a private capacity.

GPSS employees, volunteers, appointees, entities, and committees may not endorse a candidate in an official capacity.

No GPSS equipment or supplies, including employment time or office hours, phones, office machines, office space, and email accounts, may be used for campaign purposes.

§ 5.3: THE BALLOT AND REQUIRED VOTES

The Elections Committee will prepare a digital ballot with the officer positions and ability to rank candidates. Names of candidates running from the floor will be presented at the election meeting and available for voters. All names of candidates will be displayed for senators in randomized order by the position they are running for. The ballot will allow for ranking of the candidates so that an instant run-off can be made until the person with a simple majority of the GPSS Senators who vote synchronously or asynchronously has been determined. Exact details of this process are given in the By-Laws (Article V, Section I, Clause 4). In the event that there is still a tie after the instant run-off, the winner will be determined by a tiebreaker process detailed in the By-Laws.

§ 5.4: ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Senators who have registered with the GPSS Executive Committee by **Friday, April 24, 2026**, and who are in good standing, will be allowed to vote in the Officer Elections. Voters eligible to vote in Officer Elections include sitting GPSS Officers and all registered Senators, including Executive Senators and all Senators sitting on the Judicial and Elections Committees. Voters can vote at the Elections Meeting synchronously or asynchronously.

Proxies may attend the Elections Meeting, but proxies are not allowed to vote.

§ 5.5: ABSENTEE VOTE

Any registered senator who is unable to attend the elections meeting in real-time may submit

their vote through the digital ballot link that will be provided to them via their registered email.

The Elections Committee will keep the identity of each voter confidential; it will only be used to verify that the voter was an eligible voter. The Senate may elect to change the process for determining a winner in the event of a tie by amending the Bylaws before the Elections Meeting.

§ 5.6: THE ELECTIONS MEETING

The Elections Meeting shall convene on **April 29, 2026, at 5:30 PM, HUB 332/Zoom**. The Elections Chair shall preside over the Elections portion of the Elections Meeting.

Nominations for GPSS Officer positions must be pre-filed using the Officer Candidate Nomination Form by **Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 5:30 PM**. Candidates who submit the required materials by this deadline will have their information published on the GPSS website. Nominations from the floor may only occur during the Officer Elections Meeting, and only for positions with one or fewer candidates at the start of the meeting. **The Elections Committee will notify the Executive Committee, Senate, and the public by 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, if nominations from the floor will be allowed.** If accepting nominations from the floor, the committee will default to the special elections procedures outlined in the Bylaws for verification of eligibility.

Prior to the candidate forum, each candidate will have a set period of time, ranging from 1.5 to 3 minutes depending on the number of candidates, to deliver an introductory statement. If provided, a candidate's PowerPoint slide will be displayed during this introduction. During the forum, each candidate will be given the same amount of time to respond to questions submitted by the Senate through an online platform. The Elections Committee Chair may limit response times to ensure fairness and maintain the schedule. The order of responses for the first question will follow alphabetical order by first name, and for subsequent questions, the starting candidate will rotate to the next in alphabetical order to ensure equitable speaking opportunities—for example, Question 1: A, B, C; Question 2: B, C, A; Question 3: C, A, B. The Elections Committee will conduct a moderated session by soliciting questions from the Senate via an online platform. A position-specific question form will be sent to all Senators and remain open for submissions until **April 24, 2026, at 5:30 PM**. The Elections Committee Chair may limit the time that candidates have to answer.

Following the candidate forum session, the Senate will enter deliberations. The Elections Committee Chair will ask all candidates to leave the room. Once all candidates have left the room, the Elections Committee Chair will conduct a moderated deliberation of candidates. During the deliberations, senators and executive officers may discuss the quality and merits of each candidate. Privileged information about candidates will not be permitted by the Elections Committee Chair.

Following a deliberation session, candidates will be invited to return to the senate meeting. The Elections Committee will announce the opening of the ballot and when the ballot is set to close.

The Elections Committee will distribute digital ballots to all eligible voters present and will collect complete digital ballots as outlined in the By-Laws. For this Election, the Elections Committee has elected to use the voting procedure set forth for standard elections. All eligible voters will receive a link to enter the digital voting platform. Candidates who are eligible to vote are allowed to participate in the vote to represent their constituency.

Voters must rank their preferences for all candidates in each position. Once the Elections Committee has collected the ballots, they will immediately count the votes. The officers are elected by ranked-choice tabulation, as outlined in the By-Laws, where, upon rounds of ranked-choice tabulation resulting in two candidates, a simple majority is needed to secure the position.

The GPSS President will preside over the Senate Meeting while the Elections Committee counts the votes. During this time, the President may not entertain any motions that would interfere with the ability of the Elections Committee to count votes and report results to the Senate before the meeting adjourns. The Elections Committee Chair will continue presiding over the meeting when the Elections Committee is finished counting votes. In the event that no candidate for a particular office receives the required majority vote in a race with three or more candidates, Instant Run-Off Vote Counting procedures will be used, as outlined in Article V, Section H, Clause 4, of the Bylaws. In the event that a winner cannot be determined through Instant Run-Off Vote Counting, the tie shall be resolved by the process prescribed in the Bylaws.

Candidates will respect the privacy of individual voters while ballots are being completed and will not interfere with voters' ability to complete their ballot privately and in a timely manner. Candidates will respect the neutrality of the vote counting process and the role of the Elections Committee to administer the elections process. Candidates will not in any way interfere with the ability of the Elections Committee to count the votes accurately, fairly, and according to the processes prescribed in this Elections Guide, or the Constitution and By-Laws of GPSS. After the election results have been announced, candidates may challenge the election procedures or results in the process described in Section 4.11 of this Elections Guide.

§ 5.7: ELECTIONS RESULTS

The Elections Committee shall be given sufficient time during the Officer Elections Meeting to accurately count and verify all ballots. Preliminary results, if available, will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting. For races that can be called final during the Officer Elections Meeting, results shall be announced at the end of the meeting.

If ballots cannot be fully computed or verified due to unforeseen disruption, the Elections Committee shall complete tabulation as soon as practicable and may certify and announce final results via official electronic communication. All final results shall be announced no later than seven (7) business days following the Officer Elections Meeting.

Once results are finalized, they will be announced in person at the Officer Elections Meeting (if applicable), emailed to all Senators, and posted on the GPSS website.

§ 5.8: ELECTIONS CHALLENGES

Any challenge to the election procedures or results must be submitted in writing (including email) to the Elections Committee Chair within seventy-two (72) hours of the adjournment of the Officer Elections Meeting or within seventy-two (72) hours of the official announcement of final results, whichever is later.

The Elections Committee Chair must notify the Senate that a challenge has been filed within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the complaint. The Elections Committee shall convene to review the complaint and issue a written decision to all involved parties and the Senate within seven (7) business days.

Further challenges must be submitted to the GPSS Judicial Committee within forty-eight (48) hours of the Elections Committee's decision.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN A GPSS OFFICER POSITION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FAIR AND ORGANIZED ELECTIONS AND WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK

§ 6.0 OFFICER NOMINATION REFERENCE FORM

This form needs to be filled out in its entirety using the above provided Microsoft forms link (tinyurl.com/gpssnomform2627) (this form is for reference only). CANDIDATES MUST BE SIGNED INTO UW ACCOUNT TO ACCESS FORM

OFFICER CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM 2026-2027

This form is to be completed by the candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee (gpssselect@uw.edu) by **Sunday, April 19, 2026, 5:30 PM** in order for candidate information to be posted on the GPSS website, and by **Friday, April 24, 2026, 5:30 PM** to be distributed via email to Senators. Nominations from the floor will only occur at the Officer Elections Meeting on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 5:30 PM in HUB 332/Zoom**, in the event that a position has one or fewer candidates. Senators wishing to nominate themselves from the floor for a position with no candidates must provide this information at the time of nomination.

Note: To complete this form, candidates should have prepared the following materials to ensure smooth completion of the form. The form includes the mandatory attendance quiz for the

Candidate Information Session, a place to upload the Statement of Objectives and Resume/CV, and a text box for information for the PowerPoint slide to be presented during the Election:

- Watched the mandatory Candidate Information Session recording
- ([here](#), or tinyurl.com/gpss-info-session-2627)
- Statement of Objectives (1–2 pages, 11pt font, double-spaced).
- Resume/CV (1–2 pages).
- Information for one PowerPoint slide that will be presented during the Election.

Refer to Section 2.0-3.0 in the 2026–2027 GPSS Election Guide (tinyurl.com/gpsseguide2627) for additional prompts and submission details. If you have any questions, consult the Election Guide and/or email the Elections Committee at gpselect@uw.edu

Candidate Information

1. Full Name:
2. Preferred Name for Candidacy Purposes:
3. Preferred Pronouns for usage throughout the Elections Process:
4. UW Student ID Number:
5. UW Email (example: [\[uwnetid@uw.edu\]](mailto:uwnetid@uw.edu)):
6. Graduate or professional program of study:
7. Are you currently a registered student? Yes () No ()
8. Do you expect to be a registered graduate or professional student during the 2026-2027 academic year (Fall, Winter & Spring Quarters)? Yes () No ()
9. The position you are running for is:

Candidate Information Session Attendance Quiz

To confirm your participation in the mandatory Candidate Information Session, please complete this brief 5-question quiz. Your responses will be used to verify attendance and ensure eligibility for candidacy.

1. What is the deadline to submit the Officer Candidate Nomination Form and required materials?
 - a. April 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 - b. April 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 - c. April 20, 2026 at 5:30 PM
 - d. April 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM
2. Which of the following meetings qualifies as the meeting conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure required for candidacy?
 - a. A meeting with a GPSS officer
 - b. A GPSS committee meeting that does not use parliamentary procedure
 - c. A GPSS Senate or Executive Committee meeting
 - d. A student organization meeting
3. During the Candidate Forum at the Elections Meeting, how will the order of candidate responses be determined?
 - a. Candidates choose when they want to speak

- b. The Elections Committee Chair decides during the meeting
 - c. The order is determined randomly in advance and rotates for each question
 - d. Candidates respond in order of seniority in their program
4. What was the code word shown during the Candidate Information Session recording?
- a. Kraken
 - b. Torrent
 - c. Mariners
 - d. Storm
 - e. Sounders
 - f. Reign
 - g. Seahawks
 - h. Seawolves
 - i. Orca
5. What happens if a position has one or fewer candidates by the nomination deadline?
- a. The position is canceled for the year
 - b. Nominations from the floor may be allowed at the Elections Meeting
 - c. The Elections Committee appoints someone to the position
 - d. The position automatically goes to the existing officer

Meeting Attendance Information

Indicate at least three GPSS Senate or committee meetings you have attended or plan to attend during the 2025–26 academic year, including at least one meeting conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure:

1. Excluding the Candidate Information Session recording, have you already attended the 2 additional meetings you are reporting for candidacy purposes? Yes () No ()
- a. If yes, please list the meetings and the dates of each:
 - i. Meeting 1: _____ – Date: _____
 - ii. Meeting 2: _____ – Date: _____
 - b. If no, please indicate which meetings you plan to attend:
 - i. Planned Meeting 1: _____ – Date: _____
 - ii. Planned Meeting 2: _____ – Date: _____

Affirmative Statements

I, _____, do not have any responsibilities (be them academic, employment, or personal) that might prevent me from fulfilling the responsibilities as a GPSS Officer. I affirmatively declare that I meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the GPSS Election Guide.

The requirements as stipulated are:

- I am enrolled part-time/full-time as a graduate or professional student at the time of the election or will be enrolled full-time during Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters of 2026–27. Yes () No ()
- As of March 25th, I am not currently a member of the GPSS Elections or Judicial Committee. Yes () No ()

- I have attended at least 3 GPSS Senate or qualifying committee meetings, including one conducted under rules of parliamentary procedure, prior to the Elections meeting during the 2025–26 academic year. Yes () No ()
- I will maintain full-time student status during the term if elected and be on campus through the 2026–27 academic year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Yes () No ()
- I will be able to work 19.5 hours per week during the 2026–27 academic year, including 8 hours per week in the office (4 hours per week for President) between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday–Friday. Yes () No ()
- I have reviewed all election-related materials and have sought clarification from the Elections Committee if needed. Yes () No ()
- I consent to the UW Student Activities Office checking my grade point average (GPA) to verify my eligibility to serve as a GPSS Officer. Yes () No ()
- I consent to having my submitted Resume/CV and Statement of Objectives published on the GPSS website and distributed to Senators prior to the election as available candidate materials. Yes () No ()

Additional Candidate Material:

1. Statement of Objectives (1–2 pages, 11pt font, double-spaced) – File upload
2. Resume/CV (1–2 pages) – File upload
3. Information for one PowerPoint slide to be presented during the Election – File Upload
4. Optional: If you would like to include a photo on your slide, you may upload an image file here.

Candidate Agreement/Signature:

By signing below, I affirm that all information I have submitted in this nomination form, including supporting documents, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. To confirm this statement, please type out your full name. _____

Once your form is submitted, you should receive an email copy of your submission and see the following message displayed:

“Thank You for Submitting Your Nomination Form!

Thank you for submitting your Officer Candidate Nomination Form and for participating in the 2026–2027 GPSS elections process.

Next Steps:

You will hear back from the Elections Committee by Friday, April 24, 2026 to confirm receipt of your submission and verify your eligibility.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Elections Committee at gpsselect@uw.edu.

We appreciate your interest and engagement in GPSS!"