**GPSS Vice President of External Affairs Quarterly Report**

**Autumn 2024 (Written on 12/5/2024 by Mykhail Lembke)**

Personnel/Hiring

* Interviewed and hired applicants for staff positions including Policy Director.
* Set up weekly meeting for External Affairs Team (Thursdays 1:30-2:30PM).
* Having Miles take the lead on Share your Story and the Graduate Action Committee
* **Reflection: Hiring went very smoothly for most positions. The external affairs team is working strong, and Miles has been productive and eager to engage more.**

Committees/Meetings

* Legislative Advisory Board (LAB) (9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/12, 11/18, and 11/25)
  + Meetings are weekly on Mondays from 3:00-4:00PM, except on 11/12 from 12:00–1:00PM.
  + Passed First Draft Legislative Agenda on 10/14 and final draft on 11/12.
* Washington Student Association (WSA) Meetings
  + WSA Fall Summit in Ellensburg, WA @CWU
    - Oct 19th – Committee meetings: all GPSS sponsored items passed out of committee
    - Oct 20th – General Assembly: all GPSS sponsored items passed by the General Assembly
    - GPSS items on the statewide agenda:
      * Expanding the Graduate Student Loan Program
      * Requiring navigating officer to give resources to students with dependents
      * Allowing SAF annual increase up to 6%
      * Expanding the Working Childcare Connections Program
  + WSAC Committee on Graduate Student Loan Program
    - October 31st at 11:00AM
  + Basic Needs WSAC
    - November 19th at 12-1:00PM
  + WSA All Graduate Meeting
    - 11/7 from 11AM-12PM
    - 12/5 from 11AM-12PM
* GPSS Executive Committee (9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, and 11/27 from 5:30-7:30PM)
  + Attended all executive committee meetings during fall quarter
  + Updated officers on GOTV, external affairs events, updates with Legislative Agenda and Reception and planning for Huskies on the Hill.
* GPSS Senate Meetings (10/16, 11/13, 12/4 from 5:30-8:30PM)
  + October: Ella and I sponsored the first resolution of the year about the ballot initiative measures
  + November: Passed the 2024-2025 Legislative Agenda, and coauthored the Evans School Resolution on honoring former Governor Daniel Evans
  + December: Provided updates on Legislative Reception and Huskies on the Hill.
* **Reflection: Committees have been going smoothly. LAB attendance has not been to the level I would like to see, so we have decided to move LAB to 12-1pm on Mondays in Winter Quarter in hopes more people can join virtually during their lunch break. I will be more intentional with emails the day of LAB. I worked with WSA and ASUW throughout fall to propose UW GPSS items at the fall summit at CWU, all of which were incorporated into the statewide WSA legislative agenda.**

Events

* Get Out The Vote
  + Seahawks Voter Engagement: September 27th, 2024 from 5:00-7:00PM
  + General Election Registration: October 14, 16 and 18th, 10:00am - 3:00pm
  + ASUW, GPSS, CELE and OGR Campus Registration Drive October 21st from 5:00-7:00PM
  + GPSS Ballot Initiative Roundtable: October 23rd from 10:00AM-1:00PM
* Legislative Reception: November 20th from 6:00-8:30PM
  + 91 Graduates RSVP’d of a total 177. Miles spoke on behalf of graduate student needs, regarding all ability services.
  + I reached out to UW Impact, Chris Olsen, to be our sponsor for the event and they contributed $1,000.
* Huskies on the Hill: Getting RSVPs for February 3, 2025
  + Hoping to get 100 graduate student and 100 undergraduates from UW-Seattle
  + Will send out an all-grad email in the new year for RSVPs.
* **Reflection: We have partnered with ASUW to do a handful of fall events including Seahawks, GOTV and the legislative reception. We are going to continue that partnership in winter with Huskies on the Hill and more. We are hoping to collaborate with CELE to host a how a bill becomes a law session for students and ASUW and OGR would be great to include as well.**