

2025-2026 GPSS OFFICER ELECTIONS FAQ

Prepared by the 2024-2025 GPSS Elections Committee for the 2025-2026 GPSS Officer Elections

Welcome to the University of Washington (UW) 2025-2026 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Officers Elections. We look forward to a fair and transparent election process. The GPSS Elections Committee recognizes that elections can be complicated, including the GPSS Officer Elections. The GPSS Elections Committee has put together the following FAQ for the GPSS constituency and the GPSS Senate. Please reach out to the GPSS Elections Committee at gpsselect@uw.edu for more information.

Question: Where and when are the GPSS Officer Elections held?

Answer: The GPSS Officer Elections are held in HUB 332 and also on Zoom (<https://washington.zoom.us/j/95363742765>) at 5:30pm on Wednesday, May 7th.

Question: Who can attend the GPSS Officer Elections Meeting?

Answer: Anyone can attend the GPSS Officer Elections. The GPSS follows open meetings laws in Washington State.

Question: Who can vote in GPSS Officer Elections?

Answer: GPSS Senators, in good standing, are the only eligible voters for the GPSS Officer Elections.

Question: I am an eligible voter for the GPSS Officer Elections. How do I vote?

Answer: All eligible voters will receive a link to huskylink, our online voting platform. You will need to log into with your UW NetID in order to vote.

Question: What is the voting style of GPSS Officer Elections?

Answer: GPSS Officer Elections are via rank-choice voting. When filling out the ballot, voters rank candidates according to their preference with Rank 1 being the strongest preference. Votes are allocated accordingly, eliminating the lowest ranking candidate and reallocating votes until the final candidate is chosen out of the highest ranking.

Question: Who can run for the GPSS Officer positions?

Answer: Any graduate or professional student, or incoming graduate or professional student, may run for any GPSS Officer position if they meet the following criteria:

- *Have a 3.00 GPA or a good standing equivalent according to their program.*
- *Attend at least 3 qualifying GPSS meetings.*
- *Intend to remain a full time student during their term.*
- *Are not members of the Elections or Judicial Committees.*

Question: How can I find out who is running for GPSS Officer Elections?

Answer: The GPSS Elections Committee has put together this [Voter's Guide](#) for the 2025-2026 GPSS Officer Elections. This includes all candidate information for all positions.

Question: What happens when no one is running for a position?

Answer: When there are no candidates for a given position once the candidacy period closes (May 4th at 5:30pm), members of the senate, or qualifying members of the GPSS community, may be nominated and run from the floor. For all positions that have at least one (1) candidate, nominations from the floor will not be allowed.

Question: There is a tie between candidates at the GPSS Officer Elections. What happens next?

Answer: GPSS has special election procedures in the event of a tie. The immediate action taken by GPSS is a special election between the last two remaining candidates. Please refer to the GPSS By-Laws for more information should the special election result in a tie.