**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 05 March 2025 at 5:30pm

In-person and remotely via Zoom

**The following GPSS members and staff attended the meeting:**

Richard Schure, GPSS President

Kana Saarni, GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs

Mykhail Lembke, GPSS Vice President of External Affairs

Edith Dale, GPSS Vice President of Equity & Inclusion

Noah Hough, GPSS Vice President of Administration

Ryan Wicklund, GPSS Vice President of Finance

Annika Peterson, GPSS Senate Director

Jordynn Hays, University Affairs Director

Zoe Stylianides, ASUW Director of Internal Policy

Franco Carlos, GPSS Office and Budget Director, Executive Senator

Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator

Pavandeep Josan, Executive Senator

Francis Choe, Executive Senator

Beth Fawcett, Executive Senator

Hannah Shipman, Executive Senator

Gaurav Joshi, Executive Senator

Bill Mahoney, Associate Dean of Student and Postdoctoral Affairs

Renee Infelise, SAO Advisor

~~Christina Cook, SAO Advisor~~

~~Carrie Moore, SAO Advisor~~

Marshall Traverse, SAO Advisor

## 1. [Action] Call to Order 5:42pm

**Richard Schure** called the meeting to order at 5:42pm.

### 2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:42pm

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to approve the agenda. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. 5:43pm

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:43pm

**Hannah Shipman** motioned to approve the minutes. **Gaurav Joshi** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:43pm

4. [Information] Announcements & Public Comment 5:43pm

No announcements or public comment.

5. [Information] Officer Update- VP Internal Affairs 5:44pm

No announcement.

6. [Information] Executive Senator Update- Pavandeep Josan 5:44pm

No announcement.

7. [Information] March 12 Senate Agenda 5:46pm

**Noah Hough** presented the March 12 senate meeting agenda.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to add an action item for the student health fee survey. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:55pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Noah Hough** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:56pm

8. [Information] Officer Updates 5:56pm

**Edith Dale** provided an update on Diversity Committee applications and upcoming self-defense class options. She also spoke on February’s senator of the month.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to nominate Emilio Casteneda as the February senator of the month. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:07pm

**Edith Dale** spoke about developing resources for undocumented students and resources for sending gifts to event presenters.

**Mykhail Lembke** provided an update on LAB and the second virtual lobbying day on April 1st and legislative updates. He touched on important bills to GPSS, and he mentioned that budgets will be released the week of March 17th to grasp how graduate students will be impacted. He also touched on the USSA DC trip.

**Noah Hough** shared updates on the bylaws overhaul and website update. She spoke on the next week’s senate meeting and upcoming events.

**Ryan Wicklund** updated the committee about the upcoming SAF fee meeting.

**Richard Schure** shared updates about his recent meetings.

9. [Information] Executive Senator Updates 6:24pm  
  
**Francis Choe** spoke about website updates and his upcoming resolution.

**Richard Schure** (on behalf of Beth Fawcett) shared updates on the campus climate survey, sustained dialogue, and an upcoming resolution.

**Gaurav Joshi** shared an update on resources for international students.

**Hannah Shipman** shared updates on a collaboration with the aero and astro committee.

**Ella Spurlock** spoke about the Stand Up for Science Rally.

**Pavandeep Josan** talked about upcoming events with the Jackson School, Ethnic Cultural Center, and Pakistani Student Association and Bangladeshi Student Association.

10. [Information] ASUW Update 6:39pm

**Zoe Stylianides** spoke about a letter as part of the Washington College Grant, hoping to make some meaningful noise.

11. [Information] Officer updates (cont.)

**Edith Dale** (on behalf of Kana Saarni) spoke about the interdisciplinary research symposium and upcoming events.

12. [Action] Adjournment 6:48pm

**Noah Hough** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by **Annika Peterson** GPSS Senate Director.