**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 12 February 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 5:31pm

**Richard Schure** called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

### 2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:32pm

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to approve the agenda. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded. No objections. 5:32pm

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:32pm

**Ryan Wicklund** motioned to approve the minute. **Kana Saarni** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:33pm

4. [Information] Announcements & Public Comment 5:33pm

**GPSS officers and executive senators** shared announcements.

5. [Information] Officer Update: Kana Saarni 5:35pm

**Kana Saarni** shared upcoming events and collaborations in the coming weeks.

6. [Information] Campus and Departmental Policies Regarding ICE and Other Agency Presence 5:35pm

**Ryan Wicklund** presented that an upcoming event involving the Department of Homeland Security has made students uncomfortable. He and other students would like more safety measures from the university.

Two Jackson School guests shared their perspectives and hopes of university response.

**GPSS officers and executive senators** raised questions and concerns.

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:48pm

**GPSS officers and executive senators** continued their discussion with student guests.

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Beth Fawcett** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:54pm

**GPSS officers and executive senators** continued their discussion with student guests and provided suggestions for action.

6. [Action] Senate Agenda for February 19 6:00pm

**Noah Hough** presented the senate agenda.

**GPSS officers and executive senators** discussed amendments to the February senate agenda and discussed items to include on future agendas

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to edit the agenda to include officer updates with a time period of 30 minutes. Noah Hough seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:15pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the senate agenda. **Hannah Shipman** objected—one more comment. Objection rescinded.

**GPSS officers and executive senators** continued discussion of the February 19 senate agenda.

**Noah Hough** moved to move election guide to item 10. **Mykhail Lembke** objected. **Beth Fawcett** clarified. **Mykhail Lembke** rescinded his objection. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. 6:19pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the senate agenda. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:20pm

7. [Information] Proposed Elections Guide 6:20pm

**Noah Hough** moved to accept commented changes to amend the document. Beth Fawcett seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:21pm

**Hannah Shipman** presented the proposed elections guide.

**GPSS officers and executive senators** discussed the proposed elections guide.

**Beth Fawcett** moved to table this agenda item until the February 26 executive meeting. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:46pm

**Noah Hough** moved to go back to the senate agenda and change elections guide to information from action. **Edith Dale** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:47pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to reapprove the February 19 senate agenda. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:48pm

8. [Action] GPSS Senator of the Month 6:48pm

**GPSS officers and executive senators** discussed and suggested the January senator of the month.

**Edith Dale** moved to nominate Alexandros Peltekis as January senator of the month **Ella Spurlock** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:51pm

9. [Information] Officer Updates 6:51pm

**Edith Dale** shared diversity committee, resolution, event, and training updates. She also discussed upcoming events and resources.

**Mykhail Lembke** spoke about legislative advisory board updates and upcoming events. He also provided an update on bills, testimonials and the legislative agenda.

**Noah Hough** provided an update on senators and senator resources. She also spoke on the weekly newsletter, committee meetings, the website, events, and resources.

**Ryan Wicklund** provided updates on SAF funding and the SAF bill, STF funding, and committees.

**GPSS officers and executive senators** discussed SAF fees.

**Richard Schure** spoke about SAF and pulse survey responses. He also provided an update on recent meetings, student support groups and opportunities, and newsletter and email updates.

10. [Information] Executive Senator Updates pm

**Pavandeep Josan** provided an update on Huskies on the Hill, recent meetings, and student feelings around recent events. He also spoke on work to create student community-building environments and creating support for international students.

**Beth Fawcett** provided an update on sustained dialogue committee and its future.

**Ella Spurlock** shared Science and Policy committee updates. She also shared about GPSS’s contributions to the National Science Policy Network symposium in Seattle, and she spoke about the interdisciplinary undergraduate research symposium. She also discussed an upcoming writing project on a November 2024 ballot initiative.

**Hannah Shipman** presentedthe elections guide; she provided an update on the elections committee. She also spoke on the resolution about the Washington Yacht Club and her recent get-together with her department.

**Francis Choe** had no update this week.

11. [Information] ASUW Update 8:05pm

**Zoe Stylianides** shared an update about ASUW elections and bylaws, and she also spoke about upcoming efforts and events.

12. [Action] Adjournment 8:09pm

**Noah Hough** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

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