**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 19 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, Senate Director

Franco Carlos, GPSS Office and Budget Director, Executive Senator

Vidya Venkappa, GPSS Web Developer

Miles Parker, GPSS Policy Director

Franco Carlos, GPSS Office and Budget Director

Juan Contreras Mora, GPSS Events Director

Claudia Chan, GPSS Communications Director

Jordynn Hays, University Affairs Director

Zoe Stylianides, ASUW Director of Internal Policy

Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator

Francis Choe, Executive Senator

Beth Fawcett, Executive Senator

Pavandeep Josan, Executive Senator

Hannah Shipman, Executive Senator

Gaurav Joshi, Executive Senator

Renee Infelise, SAO Advisor

~~Christina Cook, SAO Advisor~~

~~Carrie Moore, SAO Advisor~~

Bill Mahoney, Associate Dean of Student and Postdoctoral Affairs

~~Marshall Traverse, SAO Advisor~~

## 1. [Action] Call to Order 5:40pm

**Richard Schure** called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

### 2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:40pm

**Joe Rogge** moved to add an agenda item to discuss House Bill 1485 for 5 minutes. **Mykhail Lembke** objected. Richard Schure moved the discussion to debate.

**Joe Rogge** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:44pm

**Mykhail Lembke** rescinded his objection. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No further objections. Motion passed. 5:48pm

**Beth Fawcett** moved to add the GPSS Election Guide and U-PASS to the agenda. **Ella Spurlock** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:50pm

3. [Action] Approval of the Minutes 5:51pm

**Margaret Jelsma** motioned to approve the minutes. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. 5:51pm

4. [Information] Land Acknowledgement 5:51pm

**Edith Dale,** on behalf of GPSS, gave the land acknowledgement.

“Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed to making the history that led to this moment. Indigenous people have lived here continuously since time immemorial, and Seattle is now a highly cosmopolitan territory with overlapping sovereignties and fidelities. Acknowledging the land we are on is only the first step. Therefore, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate at the University of Washington in Seattle acknowledges the coast Salish people of this land, the land which touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Squamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations and all traditional lands on which we learn and work.”

She shared resources within UW and the community; these include Legislative Advisory Board, Washington Student Association, UW Intellectual House, ASUW American Indian Student Commission, Native and Strong Lifeline-988, Stand with the Duwamish, and Real Rent Duwamish.

5. [Information] Announcements/ Public Comments 5:53pm

**Renee Infelise** shared opportunities for a collective voice of graduate students through resolutions to acknowledge issues graduate students are facing under current changes by U.S. administration.

**GPSS Officers** shared resources, opportunities, surveys, and upcoming events for graduate and professional students.

**Alexandros Peltekis** motioned to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Beth Fawcett** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 5:59pm

**Linda Zhang** shared tax filing resources for students.

**Noah Hough** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:06pm

6. [Information] HB-1485 6:11pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Ryan Wicklund** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:18pm

**GPSS Officers and Senators** continued discussion on HB-1485.

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Edith Dale** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:22pm

**GPSS Officers and Senators** continued discussion on HB-1485.

7. [Action] Resolution on Supporting the Installation of Sanitary Bins and Menstrual Product Dispensers in Male Restrooms for Greater Accessibility and Inclusion 6:24pm

**Ryan Wicklund** opened the floor to discussion.

**Beth Fawcett** moved to close the floor and open to voting. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure moved the resolution to a vote. Motion passed. 6:33pm

8. [Information] Resolution For the Expansion for Class Accessibility 6:34pm

**Autumn Yi** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

9. [Action] Resolution in Support of the Washington Yacht Club 6:43pm

**Hannah Shipman** shared language changes to the resolution. She opened the floor to discussion.

**Alexandros Peltekis** moved to move the resolution to the third reading. **Héctor Delgado Días** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:48pm

**Alexandros Peltekis** moved to hear the third reading of the resolution. **Beth Fawcett** objected. **Alexandros Peltekis** rescinded his motion.

**Beth Fawcett** moved to close the floor and vote on the resolution. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objection. **Richard Schure** moved to a vote. Motion passed. 6:52pm

10. [Action] GPSS Elections Guide 6:53pm

**Beth Fawcett** moved to recess for 5 minutes to resolve technological difficulties. **Ryan Wicklund** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:56pm

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Joe Rogge** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 7:13pm

**Beth Fawcett** moved to close the floor to discussion and move to a vote. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure moved the motion to a vote. Motion passed. 7:18pm

11. [Information] Senator of the Month 7:19pm

**Edith Dale** presented the January senator of the month, Alexandros Peltekis; she read the proclamation celebrating his work.

12. [Information] Officer Updates 7:22pm

**GPSS Officers** presented their updates to the senate.

13. [Information] U-PASS 7:41pm

**Ben Fowlkes**, Vice Chair of the U-PASS Advisory Committee, gave a presentation on the U-PASS Committee.

14. [Action] Adjournment 7:51pm

**Alexandros Peltekis** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Héctor Delgado Díaz** seconded. No objections. 7:52pm

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