**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 4 December 2024 at 3:00pm

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 Cho, 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 5:37pm

**Richard Schure** called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

### 2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:34pm

**Ella Spurlock** moved to approve the agenda. **Grace Playstead** seconded. No objections. 5:34pm

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:36pm

**Grace Playstead** motioned to table the minutes. **Beth Fawcett** seconded. No objections. 5:40pm

4. [Information] Land Acknowledgement 5:40pm

**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 5:40pm

**Noah Hough** presented resources for senators, including parliamentary procedure, new senator orientation slides, and resolution templates. She shared the GPSS Website Survey for the web developer to use; a beta version of the website is expected during winter quarter. CIRCLE is looking for members of the Student Advisory Board. Another opportunity from CIRCLE is the Unite UW program, which helps UW make cross-cultural connections. She shared a scholarship application for the Pat Tillman Foundation for military service members, spouses, and veterans.

**Mykhail Lembke** shared the Huskies on the Hill RSVP; lunch and transportation to Olympia will be provided. He shared opportunities at the event and shared that every facet of the trip will be scheduled and reserved for students. He provided the survey opportunity for students to share their stories relevant to the Legislative Agenda; it also shared the Graduate Action Committee, which allows students to sign in favor or opposition to certain bills. He mentioned that there are also opportunities for job shadowing. He announced the Ryan Wicklund was recently elected the new VP of Graduate and Professional Student Affairs; he shared what Ryan will do in this position.

**Kana Saarni** announced the GPSS Winter Formal on Saturday at the Vista Cafe at 7:00pm, semi formal attire. She also shared the Instagram page and Teams channel.

6. [Information] Resolution to Acknowledge and Support Undocumented Students and Families 6:10pm

**Anthony Garcia** presented a resolution, sponsored by him and William Albers, to acknowledge and support undocumented students and family. He read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

7. [Action] Resolution to Use Preferred Name of Students in Communications 6:20pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to suspend the rules to move to the third reading. **Beth Fawcett** seconded.

**Alexandros Peltekis** raised a point of information asking what is time sensitive about the topic.

**Mykhail Lembke** rescinded his motion to suspend the rules.

**Mykhail** **Lembke** moved to move from first to second **Saiya K (linguistics)** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure moved to a vote. Motion passed.

**Mykhail Lembke** motioned to move from first to second reading, clarifying that they must suspend the rules to do so. **Joe Rogge** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:16pm

**Zawad Chodhurry** motioned to extend the time by 15 minutes. (Indiscernible) seconded. Motion passed. 6:32pm

**Edith Dale** motioned to extend time by 5 minutes. **Joe Rogge** seconded. **Alexandros Peltekis** objected; he asked if they could make it the last extension. Objection rescinded. Motion passed 6:58pm

**Zawad Chodhurry** motioned to extend the time by 5 minutes. (Indiscernible) objected. **Zawad Chodhurry** rescinded his motion

**Zawad Chodhurry** moved to table the discussion until the next meeting in January. **Joe Rogge** seconded. **Mykhail Lembke** objected; he said that authors can edit the document until the end of the meeting. He suggested tabling it to the end of the meeting.

**Zawad Chodhurry** accepted Mykhail’s amendment. **Ella Spurlock** seconded. Motion passed 7:07pm

8. [Action] Judicial Committee Member Approval 7:08pm

**Shreyaa Lakshmi Narayanan** self-nominated. No objections. Nomination accepted.

9. [Information] Senator of the Month 7:10pm

**Edith Dale** moved to table this until the next meeting, as the elected senator of the month left the meeting. Seconded by **Grace Playstead**. No objections. Motion passed 7:10pm

10. [Information] Resolution to Use Preferred Name of Students in Communications (cont.)

**Ella Spurlock** motioned to extend time by 5 minutes. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Motion passed 7:12pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to suspend the rules to move from second to third reading as amended. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. 7:14pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the resolution as amended. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure brought the motion to a vote. Motion approved. 7:15pm

# 11. [Action] Adjournment 7:18pm

**Beth Fawcett** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections.

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