**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 12 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, 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 5:55pm

**Noah Hough** moved to approve the agenda. **Ryan Wicklund** seconded. No objections. 5:55pm

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:55pm

**Mykhail Lembke** motioned to table the minutes. **Edith Dale** seconded. No objections. 5:56pm

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/ Public Comment 5:42pm

**GPSS officers and senators** shared announcements.

6. [Action] Motion to Retroactively Validate All Action Items in Senate Meeting on February 19, 2025 by Mutual Consensus 6:24pm

**Alexandros Peltekis** moved to retroactively validate all action items in the February 19, 2025 senate meeting. **Grace Playstead** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:25pm

7. [Action] Student Health Fee Survey 5:56

**Mykhail Lembke** presented the Student Health Survey and opened the floor to questions and discussion.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Ryan Wicklund** seconded. No objections. 6:08pm

**Beth Fawcett** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. 6:13pm

**Hannah Shipman** moved to extend the time by 2 minutes. **Ryan Wicklund** seconded. No objections. 6:19pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the student health fee survey. **Noah Hough** seconded. No objections. Motion approved by consensus 6:23pm

8. [Action] Resolution for the Expansion of Class Accessibility 6:25pm

 **Autumn Yi** presented the resolution.

**GPSS senators** shared comments and friendly amendments to the resolution.

9. [Information] Resolution for Compliance with DEI and Non-Discrimination Policies by the Jackson School of International Studies 6:45pm

**Ryan Wicklund** read the resolution in its entirety.

10. [Information] A Joint Resolution Between GPSS and ASUW to Adress Allegations of Sexism Within the University of Washington’s Institutions 6:54pm

**Bryan Kim** read the resolution in its entirety.

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to suspend the rules for items 11, 12, and 13. **Noah Hough** seconded. Richard Schure brought the motion to a vote. Motion passed.

11. [Action] Resolution for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) to Join the United States Student Association (USSA)7:08pm

**Mykhail Lembke** read the resolution in its entirety.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to bring the resolution to a vote. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. Resolution passed. 7:10pm

12. [Information] Resolution on King County Metro Bus Driver Shawn Yim and Honoring Transit Appreciation Week 7:13pm

**Emilio Canteñeda** read the resolution in its entirety.

**Emilio Casteñeda** motioned to move to the second reading. **ykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 7:16pm

**GPSS senators** provided comments and friendly amendments to the resolution.

**Alexandros Peltekis** motioned to move the resolution to a vote. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. Resolution passed. 7:22pm

13. [Action] Resolution for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate to Oppose Senate Bill 5785 and Support House Bill 1839 7:22pm

**Mykhail Lembke** read the resolution in its entirety.

**Mykhail Lembke** motioned to move the resolution to a second reading. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 7:27pm

**GPSS senators** provided questions and comments on the resolution.

**Beth Fawcett** moved to vote on the resolution. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. Motion passed. 7:34pm

14. [Information] Senator of the Month 7:34pm

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

15. [Information] Officer Updates 7:36pm

**GPSS officers** shared updates to the Senate.

# 16. [Action] Adjournment 7:45pm

**Hannah Shipman** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. 7:45pm

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