**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 22 January 2025 at 4:30pm

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 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 4:39pm

**Richard Schure** called the meeting to order at 4:39pm.

### 2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 4:39 pm

**Charles Bugre** moved to approve the agenda. **Joe Rogge** seconded. No objections. 4:41pm

3. [Action] Approval of the Minutes 4:42pm

**Alexadros Peltekis** moved to approve the minutes from 13 November 2024 and 4 December 2024. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. 4:45pm

4. [Information] Land Acknowledgement 4:45pm

**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 4:47pm

**GPSS Officers** presented upcoming events.

[Action] **Charles Bugre** moved to extend the time by 10 minutes. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. 4:59pm

[Action] **Noah Hough** moved to move on to the next section. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. 5:00pm

6. [Information] Joy Williamson-Lott, the Dean UW Graduate School 5:01pm

**Dr. Joy Williamson-Lott**, UW Graduate School Dean introduced herself and spoke to the graduate and professional student senate.

**Noah Hough** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. Seconded by **Janet Olaolu**. No objections. 5:15pm

**Dr. Joy Williamson-Lott** continued speaking to GPSS Senate.

7. [Information] UW Impact 5:22pm

**Christian Olsen-Phillips**, Associate Director of UW Impact spoke to GPSS about UW Impact.

**Charles Bugre** moved to extend the time by 10 minutes. **Emilio Casteneda** seconded. No objections. 5:35pm

**Christian Olsen-Phillips** continued, answering student questions.

8. [Information] Alumni-Student Programming (ASP) at the UW Alumni Association 5:39pm

**Bianca Galam**, Interim Associate Director of UWAA Alumni and Student programs, shared ASP’s upcoming and annual services, events, and programs.

9. [Information] Resolution on Supporting the Installation of Sanitary Bins and Menstrual Product Dispensers in Male Restrooms for Greater Accessibility and Inclusion 5:49pm

**Héctor Delgado Díaz** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

10. [Information] Resolution in Support of the Washington Yacht Club 5:54pm

**Hannah Shipman** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

11. [Action] Resolution to Acknowledge and Support Undocumented Students and Families 6:05pm

**Noah Hough** opened the floor for any comments or suggestions from the GPSS.

**Anthony Garcia** presented changes to the document since its first reading. He accepted a friendly amendment from Mykhail Lembke to explicitly mention dispersing rights surrounding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) interrogations. He accepted a friendly amendment from Miles Parker about specific resources and language helpful for undocumented students.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to table this agenda item until the end of the meeting. **Joe Rogge** seconded. Objection by **Alexandros Peltekis**, who asked about the number of undocumented students or families GPSS may be supporting with this resolution. **Héctor Delgado Díaz** raised a concern that the university may be unable to provide those numbers. Objection rescinded. Motion passed. 6:22pm

12. [Information] Senator of the Month 6:27pm

**Edith Dale** presented the November senator of the month, Charles Bugre; she read the proclamation celebrating his work. She also presented the December senator of the month, Alec Solemslie; she read the proclamation celebrating his work.

13. [Action] Resolution to Acknowledge and Support Undocumented Students and Families (Cont.) 6:34pm

**Héctor Delgado Díaz** moved to approve the resolution. **Janet Olaolu** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure moved the action to a vote. Motion passed. 6:50pm

# 14. [Action] Adjournment 6:57pm

**Charles Bugre** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Janet Olaolu** seconded. No objections. 6:59pm

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