**The Graduate and Professional Student Senate**

Meeting of 23 April 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 5:43pm

**Richard Schure** called the meeting to order at 5:43pm.

### 2. [Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:43pm

**Grace Playstead** moved to approve the agenda. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. 5:44pm

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:44pm

**Mykhail Lembke** motioned to table the minutes. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. 5:45pm

4. [Information] Land Acknowledgement 5:45pm

**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 & Public Comment 5:47pm

**Renee Infelise** shared an announcement about the graduate research symposium.

**A.J. Balatico** shared a public comment about tuition increases.

**GPSS Officers and Senators** shared announcements and upcoming events.

6. [Information] Student Regent 6:02pm

**Keondra Rustan,** the UW graduate student regent, spoke to the senate.

7. [Information] GPSS AY25-26 Election Meeting 6:05pm

**Abu Bakar Tariq** and **Hannah Shipman** provided the senate with an overview of the upcoming elections meeting.

8. [Information] GPSS Composition Survey 6:10pm

**Noah Hough** presented the GPSS Composition Survey to the senate.

9. [Action] U-PASS 6:15pm

**Jayce Blanchard** presented the new U-PASS fee for the upcoming academic year.

**GPSS Officers, Senators, and members of the public** offered questions and suggestions.

**Noah Hough** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Mykhail Lembke** seconded. No objections. Motion passed. 6:26pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the U-PASS fee. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. **Alexandros Peltekis** objected. Objection rescinded. No further objections. Richard Schure brought the motion to a vote. Motion passed. 6:37pm

10. [Information] Student Technology Fee 6:37pm

**Richard Schure** presented the new Student Technology Fee for AY25-26.

11. [Action] Resolution for the Expansion of Class Accessibility 6:40pm

**Autumn Yi** presented the resolution for the third reading, sharing recent comments and changes.

**Beth Fawcett** moved to bring the resolution to a vote. **Grace Playstead** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure brought the resolution to a vote. Resolution passed. 6:44pm

12. [Information] Resolution to Improve Accessibility in the Dorms 6:44pm

**Ryan Wicklund** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

13. [Action] Resolution for Compliance with DEI and Non-Discrimination Policies by the Jackson School of International Studies 6:57pm

**Ryan Wicklund** presented the resolution for questions or comments.

**GPSS Senators and officers** provided comments on the resolution.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to approve the resolution. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. **Beth Fawcett** objection. Motion rescinded.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to bring the resolution to a vote. **Hannah Shipman** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure brought the resolution to a vote. Resolution passed. 7:05pm

14. [Action] Resolution in Support of Degree Completion Pathways for Students Affected by Visa Revocation 7:06pm

**Beth Fawcett** moved to temporarily suspend the rules. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. Richard Schure brought the motion to a vote. Motion Passed. 7:09pm

**Edith Dale and Ryan Wicklund** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

**GPSS Officers and Senators** provided questions and comments on the resolution.

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Beth Fawcett** objected, suggested 10 minutes. **Ryan Wicklund** accepted. **Beth Fawcett** seconded. No further objections. 7:32pm

**Selbi Orayeva**  moved to extend the time by 5 minutes. **Alexandra Rameau** seconded. No further objections. 7:42pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to bring the resolution to a vote. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure brought the motion to a vote. Motion passed. 7:47pm

15. [Action] A Joint Resolution Between GPSS and ASUW to Address Allegations of Sexism Within the University of Washington’s Institutions 7:48pm

**Brian Kim** shared changes to the resolution since the first reading.

**Alexandros Peltekis** moved to bring the resolution to a vote. **Grace Playstead** seconded. **Beth Fawcett** objected. Motion rescinded.

**GPSS Senators and Members of the Public** shared questions and comments about the resolution.

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to bring the resolution to a vote. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. Richard Schure brought the motion to a vote. Motion passed. 8:05pm

16. [Information] Resolution on Availability of Sharps Disposal Boxes on Campus 8:05pm

**Mykhail Lembke** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

17. [Information] Resolution in Calling on University Administrators to Speak Out About Federal Funding Cuts and Overreach 8:08pm

**Ella Spurlock** read the resolution in its entirety for the first reading.

18. [Action] GPSS FY2026 Budget Projection 8:17pm

**Ryan Wicklund** presented the GPSS Budget Projection for FY2026.

**GPSS Officers, Senators, and Members of the Public** provided comments on the budget projection.

No motion was made.

**Alexandros Peltekis** moved to extend the time by 3 minutes. **Héctor Delgado Díaz** seconded. No objections. 8:37pm

19. [Information] Senator of the Month 8:42pm

**Edith Dale** presented the January senator of the month, Héctor Delgado Díaz; she read the proclamation celebrating his work.

20. [Information] Officer Updates 8:45pm

**GPSS Officers** shared their respective updates to the senate.

21. [Action] Adjournment 9:08pm

**Mykhail Lembke** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Alexandros Peltekis** seconded. No objections. 9:08pm

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