

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Meeting of 07 May 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 5:44pm

Mykhail Lembke moved to approve the agenda. **Joe Rogge** seconded. No objections. 5:45pm

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:45pm

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 5:46pm

GPSS Officers and Members of the Public shared announcements and public comments.

6. [Information] GPSS 2025-2026 Election Candidate Presentations 5:52pm

Alec Solemslie presented the Elections procedure.

GPSS Officer Candidates presented their campaign speeches.

Ryan Wicklund moved to extend the time by 10 minutes. **Beth Fawcett** seconded. No objections Motion passed. 7:15pm

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7. [Information] GPSS 2025-2026 Candidate Discussion 7:30pm

GPSS Non-Candidate Senators and Officers discussed the candidates.

8. [Action] GPSS 2025-2026 Election Voting 8:32pm

Alec Solemslie opened the voting period.

9. [Information] GPSS 2025-2026 Election Results 9:30pm

Alec Solemslie announced the GPSS Election Results.

10. [Action] Resolution in Calling on University Administrators to Speak Out About Federal Funding Cuts and Overreach 8:59pm

Ryan Wicklund and **Aidan Reeder** presented changes to the resolution since its first reading.

Noah Hough announced that this and the next agenda item will now be information items due to losing quorum.

Alexandros Peltekis moved to table the next two items. (indiscernible) seconded. Beth Fawcett objected. Moved to debate. **Alexandros Peltekis** withdrew motion momentarily. **Aidan Reeder** presented changes to the resolution.

Mykhail Lembke moved to continue to the next agenda item. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded.

Noah Hough raised a point of order; she that that there can be no motions due to losing quorum.

11. [Action] Resolution to Support the Reinstatement of The Hooding Ceremony of the Graduate Programs at the University of Washington, Bothell 9:18pm

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

GPSS Senators provided questions on the resolution.

12. [Information] Senator of the Month 9:32pm

Edith Dale announced Derek Crescenti as GPSS April senator of the month. She read the proclamation celebrating his work.

13. [Action] Adjournment 9:34pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

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