

## The Graduate and Professional Student Senate Regular Meeting of 4 March 2026 at 5:30pm

The meeting was held in person in HUB 250 and online on Zoom.

### Attendance

#### The following GPSS members and staff attended the meeting:

Ryan Wicklund, GPSS President  
~~Annika Peterson, GPSS Vice President of External Affairs~~  
Juan Andres Contreras Mora, GPSS Vice President of Internal Affairs  
Maitri Karia, GPSS Vice President of Administration  
Pavandeep Josan, GPSS Vice President of Equity & Inclusion  
Riley Talamantes, GPSS Vice President of Finance  
Anne Rizvi, GPSS Budget & Office Director  
Claudia Chan, GPSS Creative & Communications Director  
Richard Boyechko, GPSS Senate & Technology Director  
~~Yujin Yang, GPSS Community Outreach & Events Director~~  
Zoe Love, GPSS Policy Director  
Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator  
Fateme Hosseinzadeh, Executive Senator  
Gaurav Joshi, Executive Senator  
~~Hallah Kassem, Executive Senator~~  
Muhummand “AB” Abubabkar, Executive Senator  
~~Tricia Jenkins, Executive Senator~~  
Zehra Khan, Executive Senator  
Renee Infelise, SAO Advisor

#### 1. [ACTION] Call to Order

**Ryan Wicklund** called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

#### 2. [ACTION] Approval of the Agenda

**Alexandra Rameau** moved to approve the agenda. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

#### 3. [ACTION] Approval of the Minutes

**Carmelita Ro-Mendez** moved to approve the minutes from 25 February 2026 senate meeting. **Maitri Karia** seconded. No objections. Motion carried.

#### 4. [INFORMATION] Land Acknowledgment

On behalf of GPSS, Pavandeep Josan **acknowledged our presence on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples:**

“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. But acknowledging the land we are on is only the first step. Therefore, the Graduate and Professional Student Senate of the University of Washington in Seattle acknowledges the Coast Salish people of this land, the land that touches the shared waters of all tribes and bands within the Suquamish, Tulalip, and Muckleshoot nations, and all traditional lands on which we live and work.”

## 5. [INFORMATION] Announcements & Public Comments

- Zehra Khan shared that a graphic about interacting with ICE agents being done and will be shared with senators by the end of the week.
- Hector Delgado shared about an event put together by UW Planetarium Arts and Collectivo Arte GUENDA, “Constelaciones y Supernovas: Paintings Inspired by the Sloan Digital Sky Survey” that will take place on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5-9pm. More information in the slides.
- Maitri Karia shared the steps for onboarding new senators for the next academic year.
- Juan Mora reminded everyone about upcoming events:
  - Food survey will be sent out soon;
  - Graduate Research Symposium taking place on May 13<sup>th</sup>;
  - Yoga Class at the IMA on March 12<sup>th</sup> (RSVP required);
  - Drag Show on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the ECC Theater with performance by
- Ryan Wicklund shared about the Federal Grad Student Lobby Day on March 25<sup>th</sup>, including a meeting with Senator Patty Murray.
- Maitri Karia shared about the President Ana Cauce Welcome Center opening soon;
- Joseph Riggio from ASUW shared about Amnesty International’s UW chapter, which has an opening for an internal policy parliamentarian.

## 6. [ACTION] UW Food Pantry Recognition

Maitri Karia invited River Elewski, the UW Food Pantry Student Director, to share about this campus resource. She then read a **proclamation recognizing the vital work Food Pantry is doing**. River further shared about how the Husky Health Fee, if it were to pass, would substantially benefit the ability of the UW Food Pantry to continue their work.

## 7. [ACTION] Bylaws Amendments

- Pavandeep Josan moved **to approve the bylaws amendment proposed by Riley Talamantes to eliminate the officer position of VP of Internal Affairs**. Nick Klop seconded. No objections. Motion passed.
- Kylie Jones, the Chair of the GPSS Elections Committee, proposed a bylaws amendment regarding the election procedures. The GPSS Judicial Committee recommended the approval of all of the proposed changes. Zehra Khan moved to **approve these bylaw amendments**. Nick Klop seconded. Motion passed.
- Pavandeep Josan recognized the work done by the Judicial Committee.

## 8. [ACTION] Reinstate Article VIII of Bylaws

Riley Talamantes moved to table the agenda item. Pavandeep Josan seconded. Motion passed.

## 9. [ACTION] Resolution the Right to Affordable Parking Information, Second/Third Reading

- Alexandra Ramon moved to **add a friendly amendment to ask that this resolution to the Graduate School, which centrally oversees the graduate program.** Zehra Khan seconded. Nick Klop accepted the friendly amendment. Changes to be made
- Pavandeep Josan moved to **proceed to the third reading of the resolution.** Zehra Khan seconded. Motion passed.
- Tarik Brown moved to **approve the resolution pending the addition of the amendment.** Eli Drake seconded. The resolution was approved.

## 10. [ACTION] Adjournment

**Riley Talamantes** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded. **Ryan Wicklund** declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by **Richard Boyechko**, GPSS Senate and Technology Director, and approved on the floor of the GPSS Senate Meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.