

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate  
Meeting of 1 October 2025 at 5:30pm  
In-person and remotely via Zoom

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

Ryan Wicklund, GPSS President  
Juan Andres Contreras Mora, GPSS VP of Internal Affairs  
Annika Peterson, GPSS Vice President of External Affairs  
Pavandeep Josan, GPSS Vice President of Equity & Inclusion  
Noah Nguyen Hough, GPSS Vice President of Administration  
Riley Talamantes, GPSS Vice President of Finance  
Richard Boyechko, GPSS Senate & Web Director  
Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator  
~~Gaurav Joshi, Executive Senator~~  
Renee Infelise, SAO Advisor

**1.[Action] Call to Order 5:33pm**

**Ryan Wicklund** called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

**2.[Action] Approval of the Agenda 5:33pm**

**Ryan Wicklund** moved to amend the agenda to table the GPSS Internal Evaluation OKR Model Review to next week, and to add to the agenda the Washington Student Association presentation after the announcements and public comments. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded. No objections. Motion carried at 5:34pm. **Noah Hough** moved to approve the agenda as amendment. **Pavandeep Josan** seconded. No objections. Agenda approved at 5:35pm.

**3.[Information] Approval of the Minutes 5:35pm**

**Noah Hough** moved to table the minutes until the next meeting. **Annika Peterson** seconded. No objections. Motion passed 5:36pm.

**4.[Information] Announcements & Public Comment 5:36pm**

**Noah Hough** introduced Richard Boyechko, the incoming Senate and Technology Director, who attended as a member of the public. No public comments.

**5.[Information] WSA Presentation 5:37pm**

**Collin Bannister**, President of Washington Student Association (WSA), shared about the work done by the association. **Randy Phillips**, the WSA Vice President of Federal Affairs, shared about the federal side of WSA work. **Eric Jacobson**, the ASUW Senate Speaker and WSA Vice President of Communication, shared about the opportunities to attend WSA meetings and review the association's records on the website. Finally, **Ryan Wicklund**, in his capacity as VP of Graduate and Professional Student Affairs at WSA shared about the development of Graduate Student Affairs Committee soon.

## 6.[Information] SAF Committee Appointments 5:47pm

**Ryan Wicklund** briefed the committee about the three Student Activities Fee (SAF) appointments that need to be filled for which there were many applicants, with four being outstanding: Genevieve Conley, Kayla Kenyon, Helena Ochoa, and Alec Solemslie. Following the committee deliberation, **Pavandeep Josan** moved to confirm Alec Solemslie, Genevieve Conley, and Helena Ochoa to be the GPSS SAF appointments. **Riley Talamantes** seconded. No objections. Motion carried at 6:10pm.

## 7.[Information] Health Fee Messaging 6:10pm

**Riley Talamantes** updated the committee about the health fee messaging. **Renee Infelise** commended Riley Talamantes for taking on the project and conducting interviews with other SAF units about how they might use the extra funding if the Student Health Fee were to be implemented. The officers then discussed how GPSS might utilize the extra funds if those were available. **Ella Spurlock** raised concerns that Academic Student Employees (ASEs) would likely have with additional fees.

## 8.[Information] Officer Updates 6:49pm

**GPSS Officers** presented their updates to the committee.

## 9.[Information] Executive Senator Updates 7:10pm

**Ella Spurlock** presented her updates to the committee.

## 10.[Action] Adjournment 7:11pm

**Pavandeep Josan** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Annika Peterson** seconded. **Riley Talamantes** expressed her admiration for how quickly the motion was seconded. **Ryan Wicklund** declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by **Richard Boyechko**, GPSS Senate and Technology Director.