

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate
Meeting of 26 November 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
Maitri Karia, GPSS University Affairs Director
Richard Boyechko, GPSS Senate & Web Director
AB Tariq, Executive Senator
Ella Spurlock, Executive Senator
Fateme Hosseinzadeh, Executive Senator
Gaurav Joshi, Executive Senator
Hallah Kassem, Executive Senator
Tricia Jenkins, Executive Senator

1. [ACTION] Call to Order

Ryan Wicklund called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

2. [ACTION] Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made and seconded (Pavandeep Josan/Riley Talamantes) to approve the agenda.
Motion passed 5:42pm.

3. [Information] Approval of the Minutes

- Motion was made and seconded (Riley Talamantes/Pavandeep Josan) to approve the minutes for October 15th. Motion passed 5:46pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Pavandeep Josan/Fateme Hosseinzadeh) to approve the minutes for October 29th. Motion passed 5:46pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Pavandeep Josan/Fateme Hosseinzadeh) to approve the minutes for November 12th. Motion passed 5:47pm.

4. [Information] Announcements & Public Comment 5:47pm

There were no public comments or announcements.

5. [ACTION] MEDEX MOU 5:48pm

Motion was made and seconded (Riley Talamantes/AB Tariq) to approve the MEDEX MOU. No objections and one abstention. Motion passed 5:52pm.

6. [ACTION] Suspending the Bylaws for USSA 5:53pm

Motion was made and seconded (Pavandeep Josan/Fatemeh Hosseinzadeh) to suspend Article 5, clauses 2.E–H of the GPSS bylaws, allowing the GPSS VP of External Affairs to forego attending regular USSA meetings.

7. [ACTION] Travel Grants 6:02pm

- Motion was made and seconded (Riley Talamantes/Fatemeh Hosseinzadeh) to **approve Sofia Kruszka for travel grant of \$300**. Motion passed 6:06pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Riley Talamantes/AB Tariq) to **approve Alvina Saah for travel grant of \$300**. Motion passed 6:07pm.

8. [ACTION] Senator of the Month 6:08pm

- Motion was made and seconded (Tricia Jenkins/Pavandeep Josan) to create a Liaison of the Month position to celebrate the hard work of the liaisons. Motion passed 6:15pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (AB Tariq/Tricia Jenkins) to add Liaison of the Month to the agenda. Motion passed 6:18pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Tricia Jenkins/Riley Talamantes) to amend the agenda as amended. Motion passed 6:19pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Tricia Jenkins/AB Tariq) to recognize Sheila Gray as the Liaison of the Month for November for her incredible contributions to LAB, regular attendance at the board meetings, attending the Legislative Reception. Motion passed 6:19pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Tricia Jenkins/Juan Mora) to recognize /Bintang Vikaksana/ as the Liaison of the Month for October. Bintang has been very involved in the faculty council work, for addressing the presence of ICE agents. Motion passed 6:22pm.
- Motion was made and seconded (Pavandeep Josan/AB Tariq) to recognize Sophia Chima as the Senator of the Month for November. She has been really involved with the Diversity Committee despite not being an executive senator. She has been a very good presence at the committee meetings. Motion passed 6:25pm.

9. [ACTION] December 3rd Senate Agenda 6:25pm

Motion was made and seconded (Gaurav Joshi/AB Tariq) to approve the senate agenda for December 3rd. Motion passed 6:33pm.

10. [Information] Officer Updates 6:34pm

GPSS Officers presented their updates to the committee.

11. [Information] Executive Senator Updates 6:49pm

Executive Senators presented their updates to the committee.

12. [Information] Tacoma and Bothell Updates

The UW Bothell graduate student representative Nathan gave his updates to the committee.

13. [ACTION] Adjournment

Motion was made and seconded (AB Tariq/Gaurav Joshi) to **adjourn the meeting**. **Ryan Wicklund** declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

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