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GPSS SENATE MEETING
October 21, 2026

Attendance!

- https://tinyurl.com/56nbwr5n
- Word of the Day: Seattle



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Resources

SafeCampus (206-685-7233)

Call SafeCampus anytime to anonymously discuss safety and well-being concerns for yourself or others.

uw.edu/safecampus

Childcare Assistance Program

UW Seattle program designed to assist students in covering the costs of licensed childcare for their children (ages birth–12 years old).

tinyurl.com/uw-childcare

Student Technology Loan Program

The Student Technology Loan Program (STLP) is a free, student-led program that supports the academic technology needs of UW Seattle students.

STLP.uw.edu

UW Food Pantry

The program provides food to students, staff, and faculty who may be experiencing short-term food insecurity.

tinyurl.com/uw-food-pantry

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Call To Order

Approval of the Agenda

- Sent on Mail and available on GPSS Website
- **Total Time: 136** minutes
- **Anticipated End Time:** 7:30 pm

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Approval of Minutes

- Please refer to the Meeting Minutes document of **October 14th, 2026** Senate Meeting

- **Quick Recap** on GPSS Website

Land Acknowledgement

The term "Red Indian" originated from a combination of historical error and European racial categorization. The label Indian stems from Christopher Columbus's mistaken belief in 1492 that he had reached the East Indies, a misnomer that persisted despite his later realization of the error.

> https://www.britannica.com/topic/Why-Are-Native-Americans-Called-Indians

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Resources for Action

Within UW:

- Get involved with LAB and the WSA! GPSS has advocated for a tuition waiver program for Native American students

- wəɬəbʔaltxʷ - UW Intellectual House - https://www.washington.edu/diversity/intellectual-house/

- ASUW American Indian Student Commission (AISC): http://aisc.asuw.org

Community:

- Native and Strong Lifeline – 988 (option 4)

The Native and Strong Lifeline is the first program of its kind in the nation dedicated to serving American Indian and Alaska Native people. Operated by Volunteers of America Western Washington, this line is available for people who call the 988 Lifeline and choose option 4. It is specifically for Washington's American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Calls are answered by Native crisis counselors who are tribal members and descendants closely tied to their communities. Native and Strong Lifeline counselors are fully trained in crisis intervention and support, with special emphasis on cultural and traditional practices related to healing.

- Stand with the Duwamish: https://www.duwamishtribe.org/stand-with-the-duwamish

- Real Rent Duwamish: https://www.realrentduwamish.org

Other resources:

Find out whose traditional land you live on with this interactive map: https://native-land.ca/

What is the purpose of a land acknowledgement? https://retirees.uw.edu/event/from-recognition-to-action-understanding-land-acknowledgments/

- Article from Patagonia: All Trails Belong to Mother Earth, Following in Indigenous Footsteps on the Ute Pass Trail

Documentary on "The Rights of Nature: A Global Movement"



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Announcements & Public Comments

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GPSS Senator Onboarding & Q/A

- Ask Program Advisor to send gpssvpadmin@uw.edu an email nominating you as the Senator for your program
- Get added to the Teams chat
- Get added to the Senate Email List
- Take the Senator Onboarding Course

F&B Committee

- Sign up to join the Finance & Budget Committee!
- No experience required
- Meetings start in November (Tuesdays)
- Finance & Budget Committee Application Form (2026–2027) – Fill out form



Midterm Elections – November 3

- 24-hour ballot drop off at Schmitz Hall
- Engagement center in HUB Lyceum October 31, Nov 2, Nov 3
- Same day registration



CELE Center Huskies Vote

Student Code of Conduct

- **Sponsor:** Felipe Martinez and Zoe Hall
- Information and Discussion
- https://www.washington.edu/cssc/for-students/student-code-of-conduct/

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Felipe Martinez

Associate Vice President for Student Life

GPSS Executive, Judicial, and Elections Committee Floor Nominations

90 Seconds Pitch

- We will be filling seats on three bodies this Wednesday: the **Executive** Committee, the **Judicial** Committee, and the **Elections** Committee.

- If you nominated yourself last week, you are on the list and nothing more is needed. If you did not, you can still nominate yourself from the floor on Wednesday. Nominations do not close beforehand.

- Come with a **90 second pitch.** Say who you are, your program, and why you are interested in serving on this committee. Prior experience is not a must have. Each candidate speaks, then the Senate votes.

- One thing to know before you decide: *Judicial Committee members cannot also sit on the Executive, Finance and Budget, or Elections Committees. If more than one appeals to you, you will need to choose.*

- Flyers for each role are sent over mail, and there is more detail on the website. If you are unsure whether a role fits around your coursework or a job, just ask. The answer is usually yes.

GPSS Executive Committee Elections

- 5 Seats Available
- 09 Nominations



GPSS Executive Senator Elections AY2627 – Fill out form

NAME	ROLE
AB Tariq	Member (2nd Term)
Fatemeh Hosseinzadeh	Member (2nd Term)
Andrew Kramer	Member (1st Term)
Franciso Dojenia	Member (1st Term)
Rukevwe Tejevbo	Member (1st Term)
Sara Uprit	Member (1st Term)
Madeleine Reinoso	Member (1st Term)

GPSS Judicial Committee Elections AY2627 – Fill out form

GPSS Judicial Committee Elections

- 6 Seats Available
- 06 Nominations



NAME	TERM
Francesca Desmond	Member
Brian Kim	Member
Darshil Pandya	Member
Matt Palermo	Member
Ava Weller	Member
Carolyn Delli-Santi	Member
Zehra Khan, VPEI	Ex-Officio
SAO	Ex-Officio

GPSS Elections Committee Elections

[GPSS Elections Committee Elections AY2627 – Fill out form]

- 4 + 1 Seats Available
- 03 Nominations



NAME	TERM
	Member
	Member
	Member
	Member
	Member (Executive Senator)

Legislative Agenda Draft

- **What is the Legislative Agenda?**
  - Document that guides what GPSS can lobby on in Olympia.
  - States the Senate's priorities and values.

- First Reading:
- https://tinyurl.com/legagenda26
- Draft Legislative Agenda 26-27.docx



GPSS Website Navigation

- https://www.gpss.uw.edu/
- Senate Page
- Public Records

GPSS Resolution Drafting & Tracking

- **Sponsor:** Maitri Karia – get more info about training on resolutions from SAO
- Include names of relevant authorities for forwarding and collaboration when drafting resolutions.
- Use the *Graduate & Professional Student Senate Resolution Template*
- Resolution Tracking - GPSS Resolutions Tracker AY2026-2027.xlsx

Resolution in Support of a Gift Fund to Support GPSS

- **Sponsor:** Haley Chee
- First Reading
- Please refer to document shared on mail

Office of E&I Project Updates

- **Sponsor:** Zehra Khan
- (Last Year) Senator of the Month

- Upcoming Events

- Database of jobs/employers for OPT/H1B
- On-campus and Off-campus Safety
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Office of E&I Project Updates

- **Sponsor:** Zehra Khan
- Update on Resolution Process
- Resolution to Support the Employees for the School of Public Health

- UW Dining Discounts for RSOs

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Adjournment