
STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL MEETING - INFORMAL



September 28th, 8:30-9:30AM

Chair Samantha Cruz, Pullman

Vice Chair Armando Antonino, Vancouver

Members

Members

Claire Jackson, Everett
Erin Reynolds, Everett
Cassidy Zehner, Everett
Gina Vasquez, Global
Heather Leasure, Global
Samantha Fakharzadeh, Global
Jennifer Johnson, GPSA
Samantha Edgerton, GPSA
James Dalton, GPSA
Nidhi Patel, Health Sciences
Keelin Hovrud, Health Sciences

Colin Beauvais, Health Sciences
Curtis Cohen, Pullman
Sean Doster, Pullman
Bryce Regian, Pullman
Alexandra Donnici, Pullman
Robin Kovis, Tri-Cities
Stephanie Warner, Tri-Cities
Akanna Poor, Tri-Cities
Vita Blanco, Vancouver
Thomas Spencer, Vancouver

Ex-officio Members

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Mary Jo Gonzales, VP Student Affairs
Anna McLeod, Everett
Andria Donnenwerth, Global
Berto Cerrillo, GPSA
Katie Gilsdorf, Health Sciences

Brian Shuffield, Pullman
Ian Jamieson, Tri-Cities
Nikki Hinshaw, Vancouver
Arleigh Cavanan, Student Regent

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:32 am, by chair Samantha Cruz.

Roll Call and Updates

- Everett - Present
 - No updates
- Global - Present
 - No updates
- GPSA - Present
 - No updates
- Health Sciences - Present
 - No updates
- Pullman - Present
 - No updates
- Tri-Cities - Present
 - No updates
- Vancouver - Present
 - Special election in progress currently

Agenda: Accounts Payable

- All WSU campuses are switching to accounts payable
 - Payment occurs once a month
 - Federal government required change
 - “What is an employee?” Technically, student leaders are not employees
 - Cannot be paid through scholarship
 - International students will be taxed 30%
 - Can be exempt, paperwork has been shared with leadership. Update to come.
 - Tax is taken off the top for international students
 - Payment is a 1099; tax comes off the back-end for domestic students
- Panel on October 16th to provide more information about student pay
 - Encourage all student government positions to attend

Agenda Item: SGC Steering Committee

- Add Health Sciences and GPSA to make a smaller committee
 - Create agendas
 - Plan meetings
 - One person from each campus is the goal
 - The goal will to be to add this to the bylaws this year

Agenda Item: Information Sessions

- Later in the day would be better for many
- Other possible sessions? Reach out to Chair and Vice-Chair

Agenda Item: 7-Cups

- Cost is about \$1 per student
- Privacy concerns/HIPAA
 - They are HIPAA compliant
 - Increased users since COVID
 - Work with health services at each campus to implement
- Mental Health
 - Global has reimbursement forms
 - Still being utilized
 - Everett has 3 free times per year
 - Local counselor
 - Vancouver is struggling with under-utilization
 - Reached to UW, Central, Western and all campuses seem to be having this issue
 - Health Sciences has seen incline in health services
 - Out-of-state telemedicine
 - Tri-cities has one counselor and one for veterans
 - Overall stigma of seeking help
 - Resources appear to be reactive and not proactive
 - Casual group activities may help avoid crisis
- Social Engagement
 - Global has decreased attendance at meetings
 - Health Sciences is keeping engaged for social media
 - Tri-Cities is also staying successful with socials

Agenda Item: SGC Formal

- November 13th
 - One day instead of two, approved by members
- Agenda will be posted beforehand