

Fall 2016

# SPEAKER'S REPORT

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## Introduction

The months of October, November, and December have seen the start of several projects and innovations within the GSU. It has also seen the beginning of new traditions and processes which will allow for a more democratic and empowering operation.

## Our Progress

### Recent Actions

**Leadership Retreat**, GSU (Olympia), S&A Board (Tacoma & Olympia), and CEC members attended a weekend retreat in November to help build community between the different leadership boards and to work on building off of each other's leadership qualities to run as a cohesive leadership team.

**Fall Elections**, held during Weeks 8-9. Turnout was 21.39% (870/4068 eligible voters). The results were:

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Fall 2016 Representative Cohort, duly elected: Mia Harvey, Charles Adkins, John Gundayao, Jonathan Leggette, Jenny Whitfield, Francisco Daza, Rebecca Canright, Jasmine Wong, Levi Campbell, Jacques LeBlanc, Micah Nordgren, Robert Tacker, and Merrill Williams

**GSU Hirings:** On top of our fall elections, GSU hired a new Director of Legislative Affairs (DLA), Charles Adkins, and a Washington Student Association (WSA) Legislative Liaison, Benjamin Huff. Our DLA lobbies at the state capitol for the Evergreen legislative agenda and our WSA Legislative Liaison lobbies for the WSA agenda, while reporting back to the GSU on issues that might impact the students on our campuses.

### **Projects Underway**

Currently, GSU Executive Officers and Representatives are working on the following projects:

**WSA January Meeting,** Evergreen will be hosting the monthly WSA meeting for January on Saturday, January 28th in the Board of Trustees room (Library 3112) from 10am-3pm.

**Unpaid Internship Fund,** GSU is working to create scholarships for low-income students who can not afford to participate in unpaid internships.

**Discounted Bus Passes and Ticket Booklets,** As of Fall quarter, currently registered students can now purchase discounted express bus passes and ticket booklets in the bookstore on the Olympia campus.

**All Gendered Bathrooms in Sem 2,** Discussions are underway on creating more all gendered bathrooms for students/faculty/staff in the Sem 2 buildings.