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I. Call to Order (5:30pm)

- A. Approval of Minutes (5:30pm)

II. Guest Speakers (5:30 - 6:00pm)

- A. [Lisa Gloss](#), Interim Dean, [WSU Graduate School](#)

- a) Visit <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/> for information.
- b) Students struggling with [residency](#). Where to get help?
 - Requirements on the Graduate School website.
 - Departmental website sometimes inconsistent with the Graduate School website.
 - Video on the website that may be helpful.
 - Email Dr. Lisa Gloss and she will try to help.
- c) First and second year graduate students' basic assistantship steps?
 - Varies department to department.
 - Varies from 24 – 32 and approximately \$16000 - \$25000
- d) How to proceed if advisor is unprofessional?
 - Go to complaint procedures (informal).
 - We can take it to your department chair, Graduate School
 - We can try negotiating, but can't expect all problems to be solved.
- e) Who sets FTE limits?
 - Limits set by graduate school policies.
 - Adding five hours a week is allowed.
 - More time not allowed since it may jeopardize the time taken for obtaining degree.
 - Graduate School looks at additional hour requests very carefully.
 - Department needs to make sure the extra hours don't affect time for degree.

- B. Jillian Morrison, Research Assistant, [Center for Interdisciplinary Statistical Education and Research](#)

- a) CISER: Center for Interdisciplinary Statistical Education and Research.
 - Help graduate students with their research in terms of statistics and data related issues.



- Appointments can be made online where some background information needs to be provided.
 - Three assistance types: engaged learning, collaboration, and consulting service center.
 - The center is not for making money, it is focused on better graduate research.
 - Looking to hire someone (faculty position) for helping students.
- b) Total number of hours or range of hours?
- The number of hours is flexible. The first meeting time is not counted.
 - For collaboration system, we get charged for half the number of hours, with a condition such as the statistician or RA will be given co-authorship.
- c) How often can we use service from CISER?
- Different hour limitations set depending on the college.
 - Generally works out within five hours.
- d) What type of statistical analysis help can they provide and using what software(s)?
- They will try to figure out and help with anything.
 - Most of their statisticians have fairly broad knowledge.
 - Statistical Analysis System (SAS) mostly used. “R” language is also used.
- e) Flyers will be brought during next senate meeting which we can put up in our respective departments.
- f) Email them at: ciser.info@wsu.edu

III. Important Announcements (6:00 - 6:10pm)

A. Openings For [University Committees](#)

1. There are still openings of University Committees.
2. Contact David or Shane if interested.

B. Open Forum for New AVP Positions

1. Faculty, Students, and Staff are welcome!

a) Two meeting dates:

(1) **Open Session**

(a) Monday, September 25

(b) 4:00–5:00 p.m.

(c) CUB Auditorium

(2) **Student Session**



- (a) Tuesday, September 26
- (b) 4:15–5:30 p.m.
- (c) Chinook 25

C. Applications for [NAGPS](#)

- 1. NAGPS selection happens this week. Thank you for all of the wonderful applications

D. Student Loans Feedback

- 1. Feedback requested from the senators regarding student loans and whether or not it is affecting us in any way.
- 2. “Zoom crew” can email Josh if they want to participate in it.

E. GPSA Study Center Grand Opening

- 1. September 27th, 2017, 10am-12:00pm
 - a) Terrell Library Rm 35
 - b) Invite your friends
 - c) There will be coffee and donuts. ribbon cutting at 10:30 am

F. Commission on Campus Climate

- 1. Next meeting: October 11th at 12pm in CUB 206
- 2. Come and make your voice heard. Bring your opinions and thoughts.
- 3. Bring your friends.

G. PDI Events

1. **Women In Film, Literature, and the Arts Discussion Series: Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead**

- a) **September 26 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**
- b) Bundy Reading Room, Avery 111

2. **The Cheeky Scientist Series: Resumes & Transferable**

- a) **September 27 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- b) CUB L60 (Butch’s Den)

3. **Submitting Your Thesis and Dissertation**

- a) **October 6 @ 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**
- b) Recurring Event ([See all](#))
- c) [Terrell 20 E](#)

H. GPSA Expansion

- 1. GPSA is going to Vancouver (WA).
- 2. Still in the process.
- 3. GPSA Executive Board going to Vancouver campus on October 13th to talk to the graduate students there.
- 4. Hoping to learn from this and set up GPSA in other locations.



- I. LEAD Awards
 1. Shane motioned for GPSA to give \$1500 to the LEAD Awards program.
 2. Senators concerned about where the money will be used.
 3. The money will go to the program event space, food, etc.
 4. **Motion passed!**
- IV. **Open Floor (6:10 - 6:40pm)**
 - V. A. Programs Being Cut
 1. Question to the senators: Any program(s) that are being cut in any department?
 2. The senator on podium provides one example: Educational Leadership program.
 3. The senate mentions of another program which might be on its way to shutting down: Critical Culture, Gender & Race Studies Program.
 4. Online M.A. Criminal Justice and Criminology was cut last year
 5. WSU Vancouver campus no longer offering Masters in Business Administration.
 - B. (Amir) Food During Senate Meetings:
 1. Still trying to push it and waiting on confirmation.
 2. Varying opinions on whether there should be food or not.
 3. Possibility next year there will only be snacks.
 - C. Inclusiveness in the Senate
 1. We have lot of perspectives and voices in the senate.
 2. Make sure we don't forget that we are students.
 3. Essential to be mindful, open, and honest during conversations.
 - D. U.S. President
 1. Concerns on President Trump's new travel ban and recent tweets.
 2. Email responses to director of University Affairs Committee
 3. (Shane) A resolution was passed last year regarding things as such which can be updated.
 - E. Steering Committee
 1. Dr. Gloss needs a graduate student to sit on the committee.
 2. Contact Amir if interested and he will forward it to Dr. Floss.
 - F. Zoom Question (for open floor)
 1. Can we put together a statement addressing our perception of importance of sports?
 2. Director of University Affairs Committee will look into it.
 - G. WSU Recreation Center fees



1. Concern on why we are required to pay rec center fees over the summer.
2. Confusion on whether annual fee (\$337) includes summer or not.
3. This will be revisited in the next senate meeting.

Intermission (6:40 - 6:45pm)

Senate members voted to skip this to get out of meeting early

VI. Old Business (6:45pm - 6:57pm)

A. GPSA Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy

1. New changes were made
2. Please check your email to see the new resolution
3. If you have any questions or comments, please email **BOTH:** Josh Munroe (gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu) and David Silva (gpsa.university@wsu.edu)
4. (David) Purpose of the resolution: This is a statement of opinion, there is no specific policy tied to this.
 - a) As a group we can come together and say we disagree in the strongest terms, hateful and tolerance.
 - b) This is not a final step.
5. David motioned to approve the resolution 2017.5.
6. Motion passed!

VII. New Business

A. Presentation of GPSA Budget

1. GPSA gives \$60,000 for subsidized child care and \$30,000 for affiliate funding.
2. Study Center: budget was \$100,000 whereas \$70,000 was spent.
3. The leftover \$30,000 can still be used for the Study Center, otherwise it will go back.
4. 2017-18 Fiscal year budget: \$687,501.
5. GPSA Budget Committee previously voted on returning the CarryForward.
6. Need to make arrangements on returning the CarryForward by June 30th, 2018
7. Contact Amir or the director of GPSA of Budget Committee with any concerns on budgets.

VIII. Adjournment (7:10pm)



Next Senate Meeting: October 9th, 2017