



To join via Zoom: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/609454442>

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - Approved at 5:41pm
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Approved at 5:42pm
 - Email Venice Guillory-Lacy at vygpsa@wsu.edu the Wednesday prior to the senate meeting if you want to add/modify agenda items.
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - PDI Events
 - 30+ events scheduled for the year
 - Next one is on September 5th, then another one on September 9th. See <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/pdi/2019-2020-pdi-event-calendar/> for the full schedule.
 - Welcome Back BBQ Recap
 - Improved flow from last year (n >300).
 - Open to hearing ideas for improvement. You can email Rachel Wong at gpsa.programming@wsu.edu if you have any ideas/suggestions.
 - Pictures and [timelapse](#) are on social media, so check it out!
 - Upcoming Events
 - Ice cream social @ Ferdinands
 - 9/17 12-3pm, free but bring student ID; ice cream won't run out since it's at the creamery.
- 5:40 | Guest Speaker
 - Sally Makamson, Student Insurance & Privacy Specialist
- 6:00 | Dialogue with Sally
 - Contact info:
 - smakamson@wsu.edu
 - Recommendations
 - Go through PowerPoint presentation in the new WSU Graduate School Orientation to see information on graduate insurance changes for the year: <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/orientation/>
 - Reminder
 - Enroll dependents before September 6th!!!
 - Updates
 - myWSU notices should show insurance as active on Friday (8/30)
 - All info on providers, contacts, coverage, health notices, enrollment coverages, dental information, additional services (e.g., HealthiestYou [a telehealth service]/Better Help, *and even legal services*) are all available, which are a part of your plan. You can find these on the Cougar Health website: <https://cougarhealth.wsu.edu/>.
 - We're now on the "preferred provider" plan. This means that we now pay \$0 deductible for services received at Cougar Health, but \$500 for a preferred provider, and \$1,000 for out-of-network providers.



- The total out-of-pocket deductible is the same for Cougar Health providers and preferred providers (\$7,000) but the out-of-network total pocket expenses have gone up to \$14,000.
- Lots of places around R&E centers now too. If you need a preferred specialist that is not around your location, then call Cougar Health Services/United Healthcare to find a doctor.
 - Additional services (e.g., HealthiestYou [a telehealth service], Better Help, etc., are available to R&E students)
- Prescription services: you can fill a prescription outside of Cougar Health but you can only be reimbursed retroactively.
 - If you are not on the Pullman campus (because you're an R&E student or are home during the holidays), then they can mail prescriptions to you. If it is an immediate need, then they can overnight it, but it will be at the expense of the student.
- 6:20-6:30 | Open Floor
 - In small groups, with senators from your college, identify the main points of contact for you to send updates, place flyers, and solicit feedback. This list should be kept on file for minutes after each senate meeting and sent to vpgpsa@wsu.edu.
- 6:30 - 6:45 | New Business
 - Confirmation of Senators Selected from the Special Election
 - See Appendix A for list of nominees
 - Approved at 6:31 (added Zara York to the list)
 - Executive Board Reports: What were we all doing over summer?
 - Executive board reports are available upon request.
 - GPSA VP
 - Met with PDI/Grad School support staff for the first time - helped bring to light the role of GPSA in the GPSA-Grad school collaboration.
 - Legislative Affairs 2019-20 (Matt)
 - First /second week meetings were set up with WSU staff RE mental health services and sexual assault prevention, and also looking to add to the 2019-2020 legislative sessions. Met with 20-30 legislators during the summer, and handed out Coug swag.
 - Summer 2019
 - Legislative agenda planning
 - NAGPS, WSA partnerships
 - Mental health
 - Fall 2019 and beyond
 - Mental health advocacy task force
 - Coug Vote
 - Events TBA
 - Coug day at the Capitol
 - Call congress day
 - Washington DC lobbying
 - Going to DC twice, once in the fall and once in the spring



- Topics = Mental health, student loan debt, etc.
- GPSA University Committee Assignments & Updates (Ralph)
 - Some committees still need representation, check out the openings and communicate information from list distributed at Senate to help GPSA fill these seats!
 - Hired two new office assistants, Edna and Justin. We will also be hiring another person in Student Involvement to work 20 hours per week for GPSA.
- GPSA Budget: Brief Introduction
 - Some differences due to changes in staff (e.g., office assistants and other Student Involvement employee).
 - The details (info available on [GPSA Budget webpage](#) & final amounts have yet to be approved)
 - Basically: ~204K in operations, ~409k in committee specific apportionments, total budget = \$693,165.
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
 - CUB 308 - look for Venice's (Vice President) office hours on the GPSA office door.
 - Just show up and chat about what GPSA related business is on your mind! All are welcomed.
- 7:00 | Adjournment



Appendix A: List of Senate Special Elections Nominees

Margaret McCoy	CAHNRS/ Horticulture/R&E Centers
Huan Zang	CAHNRS/ Horticulture
Ashutosh Kumar	CAHNRS/ School of Economic Sciences
Tabitha Espina	CAS/English
Amira Al Bagshi	College of Education/ Teaching & Learning
Cody Lauritsen	College of Veterinary Medicine/ School of Molecular Biosciences
Arunabha Mitra	CAHNRS/ Plant Pathology
Hongda Ren	CEA/ School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Onur Ramazan	College of Education/ Educational Leadership, Sport Studies, and Educational/Counseling Psychology
Anika VanDeen	CEA/ School Mechanical & Materials Engineering
Tavin Schneider	CAHNRS/ Crop and Soil Sciences
Debomitra Dey	CAHNRS/ School of Food Science
Michael Faust	Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture & Graduate School / School Mechanical & Materials Engineering & Material Science and Engineering
Stephanie Sikavitsas Johnson	CVM/ Veterinary Science (Allen School, CRB, VCS, VMP)



James Dalton	CEA/ School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Samir Sbair	CAS/ Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs
Alejandro Bravo	CAHNRS/ School of Food Science
Yashovardhan Sharma	CEA/ School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Modhurima Dey Amin	CAHNRS/ School of Economic Sciences
Amy Brown	College of Education/ Teaching & Learning
Angelo Brown	CAS/Criminal Justice
Jeremiah Sataraka	College of Education/ CSSTE
Xizhu Xiao	College of Communication/ Communication
Julianna Brutman	CVM/ Integrative Physiology and Neuroscience
Arian Karimitar	CAS/ Anthropology
Gurdeep Sigh Raina	College of Business/ Business Administration
Daniel Gallegos	CAHNRS/ Entomology
Zara York	CAHNRS / Horticulture