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Senate Meeting #2 Minutes:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #1 Minutes
 - Approved at 5:34 pm
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #2 Agenda
 - Approved at 5:35 pm
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - Senate attendance reminder
 - Use the [Senator Absence Form](#) if you are going to miss Senate, which must be submitted by 5:00 pm on the Friday before the Senate meeting to be considered for an excused absence. Note: Exceptions made for extenuating circumstances.
 - See [Bylaws](#) for more information, or see Attachment 1 (below).
 - PDI Events - Upcoming
 - See [Graduate School PDI schedule](#) for upcoming PDI events.
 - [Cheeky Scientist](#) event is also coming up, but you will need to register ahead of time for this (resume and LinkedIn reviews will also be available with the Cheeky Scientist).
 - Programming Events
 - Keep up with GPSA events at <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/events/> or on our [Facebook](#).
 - Ice Cream Social at Ferdinand's: Sept. 17, 12–3pm
 - You can also bring your partner.
 - The event is at the Creamery, so the ice cream will not run out, although they do sometimes run out of popular flavors.
 - Bowling Night @ Zeppoz: Oct. 11 from 6–8 pm
 - Family friendly event, so bring your families!
 - Legislative Affairs
 - Student narratives for DC trip
 - The team traveling to DC will have an agenda and their main objectives that they will talk to legislators about. So, if you have a story about one of these topics, then it really helps to amplify their message.
- 5:40 | Guest Speaker
 - Garren Shannon - Co-Chair of Pullman 2040 Committee



- 5:50-6:00 | Discussion with Garren Shannon
 - Pullman 2040 did a survey to understand perceptions and hopes for Pullman. Questions focused on the ways that people describe downtown Pullman, what places do they generally avoid, and what places do you go to or do you like to take people to when they are in town. They received about 1200 responses on this survey.
 - Pullman 2040 has completed many projects, some are still going on, and they have lots more planned.
 - Welcoming Survey
 - For the survey, they want “receive insights on how welcoming the Pullman community is in the areas of inclusivity, community engagement, entertainment, community livability, and access to information.” What kinds of things would you like to engage in? They want to know what makes this community so great for you.
 - Fill out the survey at [Pullman 2040 Welcoming Survey](#).
 - If you want to partner or volunteer with Pullman 2040, then you can visit their website on [how to get involved](#) and ways to get engaged with the process. You can also email Francis Benjamin or Garren Shannon.
 - Community Affairs Chair – Jennifer Johnson
 - Some tasks will be delegated to the Community Affairs committee to engage more with community partners.

- 6:00 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds (10 minutes)

- 6:10 - 6:30 | Open Floor
 - RSO presentation - Senator Halle Weimer
 - Senator from Neuroscience and GPSA affiliate group GPPSPI (Graduate and Professional Student Science Policy Initiative)
 - Working on policy issues, such as rural access, climate change, etc.
 - Opioid Public Policy Forum in conjunction with the [Foley Institute](#) 9/24 from 12-2pm.
 - GPPSPI membership is mainly from one college. They really want to expand and get members from other colleges.
 - Next meeting is on Wednesday Sept. 18 at 4 pm in room 401 VBR 401.
 - Chair of Community Affairs - Jenn Johnson (See Attachment 2 of survey below)
 - Works with about 40 community partners. Most of the graduate students don't know what's out there and the same is true for lots of the community partners.



- Survey for finding out what you want from the community partners. There are categories, so only choose a couple that you are really interested in.
- Internal Affairs chair - Anastasia Vishnevskaya
 - Please provide headshots and double-check your senator information on [website](#).
 - You can see the [Bylaws](#) for the GPSA Senate apportionment process.
 - After special elections, some Colleges were over-represented, and others that are underrepresented.
 - So, Senators-at-Large will represent the academic units that are not represented in the Senate. Committee tried to address preferences for what academic unit you wanted to represent.
 - Random assignments for those that did not respond to survey.
 - One mistake made with Plant Pathology senator, where the senator was mis-assigned. So, this was fixed.
 - Need to communicate information to the academic departments that you have been assigned to.
 - This should be finalized soon, then voted on in the next senate meeting.
- After discussion senators had time to voice their responses, but can also email them to vpgpsa@wsu.edu.
 - Hard to recruit new faculty to live in the Pullman community. So the feedback to Pullman 2040 is really important. College of Business is looking for new professors; Engineering is also looking for new professors.
 - College of Ed
 - Issues with conference funding, assistantships, etc., were discussed during open floor at least senate meeting. They actually organized and took these issues to the Dean of the College.
 - Bullying and Harassment
 - Process of making a complaint for bullying or harassment is a bit complicated.
 - Can go through 2 different offices:
 - Human Resources
 - Can go to OEO or CRCI: They require a lot of evidence to launch an actual investigation. It has to be discrimination off of sex. If it doesn't go



into an investigation, then it just remains as an inquiry.

- Students in Psychology department has had some issues with trying to do complaints.
- DailyEvergreen: '[A beautiful setup for predators](#)'
 - OEO has had trouble
- Document everything for instances of what happened for OEO or CRCI and HR. This is what they mean by evidence.
- Some have received services from CRCI. There is a listserv for collaborating and sharing information.
- If you are having any troubles, then please come to GPSA to let GPSA Executive Officers know. They can help to direct and help connect you to what you need.
- CRCI is working with Community Response Team - and they are working on having a process.
- [Training for Mental Health First Aid](#)
 - 8 hour training by Cougar Health Services
 - Preregistration is required and course seating is limited.
[Online registration is available here.](#)
 - Wednesday, September 4 & Thursday, September 5:
12:30 PM – 5:30 PM
 - Tuesday, October 8 & Thursday, October 10: 3:30 PM – 8 PM
 - Saturday, November 9: 8 AM – 5:30 PM
- Next Monday and Tuesday (9/16–9/17), there is a Pro-Life demonstration, which will be on the Terrell mall with a lot of graphic images. There will be signs saying that there will be graphic images and you can take alternate routes. Make sure if you voice your opinions on the matter that they are not on behalf of GPSA.
- 6:30 - 6:55 | New Business
 - Senate Food (email Venice feedback vpgpsa@wsu.edu)
 - GPSA wanted to get better food this year and to be able to provide catered food, instead of just getting it from Safeway. The food costs are around \$500 per senate meeting. This is also easier than running assistants to safeway before the meeting.
 - Senator says that it brings a lot to the professionalism of the senate meetings, and adds a lot to being able to have good conversations.
 - GPSA Committee Assignments
 - Everyone has been assigned.



- Be flexible with changes.
- Contact your chair if you have not heard anything yet.
- Senate Speaker List (Likely)
 - Associate Vice Presidents of WSU
 - Giesorc Director - Matthew Jefferies
 - Childcare Center - Heather McDermott
 - Crime Victim Service Advocate - Daniela Miranda
 - Transportation - John Sheehan
 - Still need 3-4 speakers for next semester
- Legislative Affairs (We will VOTE on the Leg. Agenda) **Please read thoroughly!!**
 - GPSA Legislative Agenda: Presentation
 - See Attachment 3 below.
 - This is a living document, as you never know what may come up in a session.
 - Income sharing agreement
 - The pilot program was going to pass, so the main objective is to make sure that these do not have predatory terms and conditions. This is not an endorsement of the ISA but more of a check.
 - Suggestions
 - Federal legislative agenda
 - DeVos education sexual assault/harrasement: This relieves colleges of investigating off campus episodes. Gives those accused the power to cross-examine their accusers.
 - Sutherland will add this to the next draft of agenda.
 - Matthew is going to Olympia this weekend to meet with house members. Has 7-8 meetings already scheduled.
 - Wants to be in Olympia for 60 days and UW will also have someone there full-time as well. This will be important for advocating.
 - NAGPS National Conference: Washington, DC
 - Going to DC in a few weeks. Going to legislators offices to talk about issues.
 - Several GPSA chairs will also be going to this.
 - Motion to approve legislative agenda at 7:01 PM.
 - Obvious majority and motion passes at 7:02 PM.
 - Evening Child Care Update
 - Started on 9/4 for Mondays through Thursdays



- Must call to cancel by 5pm or charged \$18
- \$50 one-time registration fee
- Spots are limited, so register early.
- Slight wrinkle: Issues with families using up all the spots.
- Update: New registration procedures
- GPSA Budget: Preparing for vote at Sept. 23rd Senate Meeting (see 9/9 agenda)
 - Please review before next senate meeting
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and President
- 7:00 | Adjournment



Attachments

Attachment 1. GPSA Senator Attendance Guidelines for 2019–2020.

GPSA Senator Attendance Guidelines 2019-2020

Revised October 10, 2016

If a GPSA senator is going to miss a senate meeting, they must submit the GPSA Absence Request Form by 5:00pm on the Friday before the senate meeting. All requests after this time will be counted as unexcused (exceptions *may* be made for emergency circumstances).

Excused	Unexcused
A medical or family emergency	A regularly scheduled class
Military or legal obligations	RSO Events
Academic Travel (Conferences)	Research/Experiments
Exams/Prelims/Defense	Studying
One time teaching engagement	Sporting Events
Travel delays, cancellations, etc.	Undisclosed 'prior engagement'
Inflexible Interviews	Work

All senators are allotted one unexcused absence if they provide a 'substitute' senator to attend the meeting. This substitute must sign in and verify whom they are filling in for. This senator can be a graduate or professional student from any college.

Senator Senate Attendance

	Excused	Unexcused
First	Nothing	Sent 1 st Warning Letter
Second	Sent 1 st warning letter	Forfeit half (senator or committee) scholarship. Sent 2 nd Warning Letter
Third	Forfeit half (senate or committee) scholarship	Banned from Senate



Attachment 2. Survey for the improvement of Community Affairs Committee (CAC).

Department: _____

1. Are you as active in community life as you'd like to be?
2. Are you interested in learning more about aligning/connecting your research focus areas or teaching goals with the needs of society/community? If yes, how so?
3. What are one (or a few) causes or groups that you would like to engage with for personal, academic, and/or professional development? Please circle.
 - a. Arts and Culture
 - b. Animals
 - c. Children/Literacy
 - d. Education
 - e. Environmental
 - f. Food Security
 - g. Health & Wellness
 - h. Homelessness
 - i. Social Services
 - j. Senior Care
 - k. STEM events and education
 - l. Community Development and Coalition Building
 - m. Prevention Programming
 - n. Nonprofit Board Membership
 - o. Data analysis and interpretation
4. What would be the best time for you to participate in the community activities? (i.e. holiday breaks, weekends, summer, etc.)
5. What are barriers to participating in community engagement activities? (i.e. too much work, lack of transportation, not enough information, etc.)
6. What is your preferred method of engaging with the community?
 - a. Publish your research in local news that might help the community
 - b. Attend workshops/panels with community leaders
 - c. Go to an off-campus field visit, meet and talk to the people in the community
 - d. Align you research to help complete community partners goals
 - e. Other (please specify)
7. What can be the best incentive for grad students to engage in community affairs?
 - a. Opportunity to meet the community leaders in their field
 - b. In-campus meeting/workshop with free food and goodies



Attachment 3. 2019–2020 GPSA Legislative Agenda.

2019-2020 Legislative Agenda

The Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) is committed to advocating for graduate and professional student at the university, state, and federal levels.

University/State

- The GPSA urges Washington State University to continue to make quality, affordable healthcare available to the graduate-professional student population.
- The GPSA asks that the administration of Washington State University fully fund the libraries.
- The GPSA supports the creation of a minimum stipend for WSU graduate students that meets or exceeds the cost of living that matches the area in which they reside to conduct necessary research in order to complete their respective degrees.
- The GPSA will continue to advocate for a sustained graduate/professional student tuition freeze in the state legislature.
- The GPSA urges Washington State University to address the causes of student mental health issues, and supports research into the origin and circumstances surrounding such causes, as well as resources designed to help students affected by such issues.
- The GPSA will fully support graduate and professional students, regardless of identity or background, and will resist any actions on campus or in the surrounding community that negatively impact the academic climate and safety of graduate and professional students.

NEW

- The GPSA urges the legislature to support refinancing of student loans at lower interest rates and supporting refinancing plans that offer better support to students
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support protections for students from defaulting including, but not limited to, more lenient extensions, more flexible payments, etc.
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support Attorney General Bob Ferguson's request for the legislature to reduce debt in WA and conduct a study to find root causes
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support better mental health especially for graduate students. Half of all doctoral students leave grad school and often cite the lack of support for mental health and compounding stress as the cause
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support legislation that expands access to state financial aid opportunities for undocumented students
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support to ease residency requirements for graduate students in WA
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support expanding funding for public transportation
- The GPSA urges the legislature to maintain/add women's health and LGBTQ health priorities as required covered care to healthcare plans



- The GPSA urges the legislature to ensure ISA (Income Sharing Agreements) terms and protections in WA benefit students and are not predatory
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support legislation that protects and supports victims of sexual assault, supports including victim advocacy resources on campus as well as emergency counseling and guidance services
- The GPSA urges the legislature to support anything that invests in our state infrastructure, increases economic opportunity, promotes diverse and fully funded educational opportunities from Pre-K to PhD, ensures social justice, promotes suffrage, creates more affordable healthcare, protects marginalized communities, or supports the general welfare and safety.

Federal

(New Edit) In addition to supporting anything that reflects the priorities of GPSA at the University, State or local level:

- The GPSA strongly urges the federal government to acknowledge graduate and professional student education with regards to education-related legislation such as attempts to reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- The GPSA strongly urges the federal government to lower the cost of financial aid by reducing and instating a fixed interest rate on federal loans, realigning undergraduate and graduate/professional interest rates, and reinstating subsidized Stafford loans.
- The GPSA supports increased federal funding for research.
- The GPSA strongly advises against taxing tuition waivers as income.
- The GPSA recommends that all international student visas should be multiple-entry and of a duration consistent with that of the student's educational program. EDIT: should extend to give flexibility in studies
- The GPSA urges members of Congress to support legislation that ensures open public access to research that has been funded through taxpayer dollars.

NEW

- The GPSA urges members of Congress to support legislation that creates tax incentives for personally investing in higher education, including but not limited to tax credits, or including tuition payments as non-taxable income.
- The GPSA urges members of Congress to oppose PROSPER and instead reauthorize the Higher Education Act with more protections for members of the LGBTQ communities
- The GPSA urges members of Congress to support legislation that invests in our state infrastructure, increases economic opportunity, promotes diverse and fully funded educational opportunities from Pre-K to PhD, ensures social justice, promotes suffrage, creates more affordable healthcare, protects marginalized communities, or supports the general welfare and safety.