● 5:30 | Call to Order
  ○ Approval of Senate Meeting #6 Minutes
    ■ Approved
  ○ Approval of the Senate Meeting #7 Agenda
    ■ Approved

● 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
  ○ PDI Events
    ■ Work and Wellness Discussion Series: How We Work, Author Leah
      Weiss and AFW faculty presenter
      ● Nov. 30, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
  ○ Mental Health Speaker Series
    ● Ross Szabo, “Behind Happy Faces”
    ● Jan. 23 - 24
  ○ Programming
    ■ Holiday Study Jam
      ● Dec. 6, 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Graduate Student Lounge (Terrell
      4/35)
  ○ GPSA Research Expo Call for Abstracts
    ■ Research Expo is March 28, 2019 in Pullman
    ■ Abstract Submissions open Nov. 26 - Jan. 16
    ■ 250 words max no later than Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019
    ■ https://showcase.wsu.edu/gpsa-research-expo/
    ■ Reviewers Needed: Contact gpsa.strategic@wsu.edu
    ■ Categories have been revised giving people better opportunities to
      win scholarships ($9,600 available)
  ○ Coug Unity Week
    ■ “An opportunity to affirm our unity, pause, reflect, and consider who
      we are as Cougs. We are using this time to re-commit to working
      together and to take caring and coordinated action to better our
      community.”
    ■ “All we truly have to offer to any cause is our vulnerability--this is
      where authenticity lives. When we engage authentically with others,
      we create possibilities for empathy and connection through which we
      can create much-needed change.”
      ● Nov. 27
        ○ #GivingTuesday for Coug Health Fund
      ● Nov. 28
9:30 - UndocuAlly Training
10:00 - Voice CAmpaign
11:00 - ACLU Student Group Events, Civil Political Debate and Effectiveness, Undocumented Tales
Noon - Communicating with Difficult People, CommUNITY Table Potluck
1:00 - Protected Speech: What it is and what it isn’t
2:00 - Know Your Rights, Native American/African American Activist Intersection in American History

Nov 29
All Day - The Writing on the Wall (Women*s Center, Wilson-Short 8)

Nov. 30
9:00 - Tea and Resistance
11:00 - Reflection and Action, Tabling on the 5 Working Groups

5:35 - 6:35 | Committee Updates from Directors

- Programming (Veneice)
  - Holiday Study Jam reminder!
  - Open for suggestions for future programming events
  - Contact her for suggestions for next semester’s events

- Budget (David)
  - Committee reviews budgets for every month’s worth of spending
  - Update on finances as of Oct. 31 (more detail in slides)

- Legislative Affairs (Josh)
  - Passed legislative agenda in September
  - Produced plain language initiative form for WA midterm voting education
    - Accessed over 1,000 times and was cited by CNN!!
    - Currently prepping for Coug Day at the Capitol, more on applications later next semester

- Strategic Planning and Scholarship (Hongda)
  - Research Expo
  - Plans of editing the existing strategic plan
    - Strategic plan is based off of the student survey and current program to align GPSA goals with “Drive to 25”
    - Update to include “Senate of the Year” Scholarship and changes to the evaluation process to help more senators win each year
Grants (Miles)

- Update on travel grants and applications
  - 106 applications received
  - 87 approved, 13 declined
  - 82% of submitted applications have been awarded funding
  - Awarded a total of $47,588.01 out of $60,225.18 total requests
- Monthly application periods have been a huge success!
- Work in progress
  - Improving and simplifying travel grant application
    - Try to better reward work done instead of authorship on a paper
  - Updating forms
  - Clarifying policies
  - Cleaning up the website

Q: We get paid after travel, but could we get an advance before travel?
  A: 3-4 years ago this was the process and was a nightmare. With the new monthly travel periods its a shorter amount of time to wait for funding. Possible solutions in the future but is tricky to do right now

Q: Are there any thoughts or movements towards increasing $250 cap for professional students/non-presenters?
  A: We prioritize research that is presented, it falls in line with the mission of WSU. Professional development opportunities is not as high of a priority because it is less in line with the GPSA goals and WSU’s Drive to 25.

Comment: Investing in private and personal development used to be a policy, but went away.

Communications (Ralph)

- Request for Monday Minute content each week
- Swag orders were successful and will be headed out next senate meeting
- More money available for swag, accepting suggestions

Community Affairs (Tiffany)

- Pullman2040.org
- Expansion of the Pullman/Moscow airport
  - Working on direct flight to Denver, CO.
- Hospital is establishing a 3-year rural residency program in family medicine to help with Pullman doctor shortage
- Downtown Pullman will become a Main Street Organization this week!
- Pullman Good Food Co-op opening up soon
- Housing security for Whitman county
  - Supporting and expanding low income housing tax credits
  - Developing new affordable housing projects
- Speaker series event
  - More updates in next senate meeting,
  - Theme: Growing sustainable solutions
  - In Butch’s Den and available for live stream
- $1,000 going towards supporting 32nd annual MLK Week
  - https://mlk.wsu.edu/

○ Internal Affairs (Susan)
  - 4th floor in CUB having potluck with MSS during Unity Week
  - Working on building community opportunities to mingle outside of programming
  - Becoming familiar with bylaws and constitution
  - Taking in feedback from senators
  - Working with Margaret for research and extension center
  - Next semester
    - Election season is coming up and advertising starting as soon as January
    - Trying to increase publicity and involvement for elections

○ University Affairs (Carolina)
  - Over 30 operating university committees
  - Updated list for committee openings coming in January
  - Working on responding to student issues that arise
    - Chinook/UREC
    - Indigenous Peoples Day resolution
    - Meeting with coug health services on LGBTQ policies
    - Graduate student census survey in progress
      - Accepting ideas for some questions and data that may be collected through the survey

○ Professional Development Initiative (Jenn)
  - 18 events so far this fall semester
  - Friday is last PDI event this semester
  - 3 year program and continuing to grow
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Next semester
- Focus on what needs to happen next
- Trying new things
- Planning and transition
- 15 events planned for Spring
- Creating a teaching series of events

Executive Office Updates (Amir)
- S/O to senate!
- Have met with almost every university administrator
- Chat & Chew was a success
  - May bring it back in the Spring with Mary Jo
- Travel to Prosser and reaching out to extension centers and campuses
- Senator seed grants ($6,000 back to colleges)
- GPSA is one of the best grad and prof. student orgs in the nation!
- Anticipate more budget cuts going into the future

6:35 - 6:45 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds

6:45 - 7:00 | Open Floor
- Open Discussion: What would you like to see GPSA do next semester? What would you like the senate body to accomplish in SP19? Group up in departments/college, groups of 3-4. After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to vpgpsa@wsu.edu.
  - Run a system that allows us to identify and showcase students with good work life balance, ask them tips for their success
  - Reserve a portion of the budget for renting a storage unit and using the space for recent grads to donate furniture and items that could be passed down to international students/out of state. Etc...
    - Annual “come and get it” event to pick up donations
  - Public events for grad students to practice speaking publicly about their research at restaurants, cafes, etc
  - Support continuation and increased development of childcare services
  - Start conversation about support for sober living on campus
  - Continuing striped conversation and cost of living adjustments
  - Ufit development for grad students, better prizes. Maybe UREC can donate a fitness class membership or 10-pass
  - Advocate for more graduate/prof student focused mental health services
Formal social event. Winter social? Any reason to get dressed up and fancy semi-formal.

- More engagement from R&E campuses with university and GPSA
- More R&E students attend and participate in research expo in March
- “Meet Your Senator Social Hour” to help develop better department/college relationships with GPSA
- PDI event for references and citations, publishing, etc.

- Items from the gallery
  - None

7:00 - 7:25 | Old Business

- Chat 'n Chew with President Schulz Recap
  - ~55 in attendance, great feedback from Pres. Schulz
  - Future events
  - Feedback
    - Event was a success, wine is only thing to make it even better
    - Food was awesome
    - Good turnout
    - Do more events like this

- AVP/Dean of Students Search
  - Interviews done, expect decision in coming weeks
  - Thank you for participation and engagement

- Friendsgiving at Etsi Bravo Recap
  - ~150 people in attendance
  - Feedback
    - Amazing food
    - Awesome turnout for a Wednesday before holiday

- Senate Housewarming Recap
  - 28 in attendance
  - Feedback
    - Hope this event happens again next semester
    - More money to include a +1 for senators

- Chinook and SRC Fees
  - UREC Board meeting Dec. 6
  - Prepping questions and presentations

- RSO Affiliate Funding Update
  - Decisions voted on January 7th for final approval
  - Committee discussing “affiliate” status and considering potential changes
Graduate Student Stipends Continued Discussion
  ■ Take the survey!
  ■ https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3ab1iOVBMYaYvj

Legislative Affairs
  ■ Coug Day at the Capital
    ● Application closes 11/27
  ■ WSA Recap
    ● Josh attended on Veteran’s Day Weekend
    ● Held twice a year
    ● On the agenda: setting up the legislative template
      ○ 19 proposals from students from various universities
        ■ Includes graduate bills of rights (Passed - more information later)
        ■ Request to expand graduate student’s ability to work off campus beyond 20 hours (Failed)
      ○ If you want to see the proposals, please contact Josh.

  7:25 - 7:27 | New Business
  ○ Check Updated Speaker List for SP19 Senate meetings
  ○ S&A Update
    ■ See Amir’s updates above
  ○ No Official Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
    ■ But schedule an appointment!

Adjournment