Here's the agenda:

- **5:30 | Call to Order**
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #4 Minutes
    - Approved
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #5 Agenda
    - Approved

- **5:31 | Announcements**
  - **PDI Events**
    - Submitting Your Thesis and Dissertation: Daniel Vickoren and Kelly Caraher from the Graduate School, and WSU librarians Debra Spidal and Talea Anderson: Oct 24 @ 10:00 am
      - Question from Senator: There are several dates that appear for this event, which is correct?
        - Answer: Refer to the website for the correct date
    - Networking and Building Your LinkedIn Presence: Dr. Isaiah Hankel (The Cheeky Scientist): Oct. 26 @ 3:00 pm
      - On the Spokane Campus
    - Stress Relief and Mindfulness: Dr. Anne Cox and Eleanor Dizon: Nov. 1 @ 2:00 pm

  - **Programming**
    - Bowling Night @ Zeppoz Recap
    - Friendsgiving at Etsi Bravo
      - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
      - Food by Black Cypress | First come first serve
        - Question from Senator: Are graduate student services available for post-docs?
          - Answer: Reach out to the executive committee for specific needs
  - **Graduate and Professional Community Events**
    - CSS Graduate Students: Halloween “Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat”
      - Canned food drive on Halloween night collecting goods for local food banks
      - [Facebook link](#)
      - [Google doc](#)
      - Those interested should contact Carsten Voelkner: carsten.voelkner@wsu.edu
Mental Health Trainings
- **Sign up for trainings for responding to someone in crisis**
  - Oct. 23 @ 12:00 pm (2 hours)
  - Nov. 15 @ 12:30 pm (2 hours)
- Interest from some senators for Coug Health to hold an evening training - please talk to your constituents.

AVP/Dean of Students Search
- Finalists will be announced soon
- Three Candidates on campus Oct. 24-25, Oct. 29-30, & Nov. 5-6
- Watch emails for events

Legislative Affairs

Mental Health Speaker Series
- October 24th – Resilience documentary presentation in Todd 276, at 3:30 p.m. A second showing with a panel discussion to follow will take place at 5:30 p.m. in CUE 203.
- November 13th – Michelle Poler, speaker on mental health stigmas, will speak at 5:30 p.m. in the CUB Junior Ballroom.

2018 Midterm Engagement Events
- October 30th – Election Issues Student Debate hosted by CCE and the WSU Poli. Sci. Club in Butch’s Den starting at 5 p.m.
- November 6th – Election Night watch party hosted by the CUB and CCE in the CUB Lair, starting at 5 p.m.

5:40 | Guest Speaker
- Joan King, Associate Vice President and Chief University Budget Officer (Newly Retired): Speaking on university budgets and long-term balanced budget plans. [Copy of slides available here](#).

Overview of university budget
- Approx. 40% of total operating budget is available for President Schultz to allocate for core university functions
  - Used on research, education, and outreach
  - 85% of this is for personnel
- Deans have a lot of authority within college over budgets
  - Departments and colleges retain carryover, and are encouraged to build reserves
- First year of cuts was a success
  - University recovered 22 million in reserve
    - Not clear yet what savings will be permanent
• Drive to 25
  ○ Deans have stipulations tied to funds
    ■ Deans are pressured to carry out drive to 25 strategic plan

• 5:50 | Dialogue with Joan King
  ○ Question from Senator: If TA salaries come from the core funding, who do we approach about TA stipends
    ■ Answer: Start by contacting the grad school about recommended pay levels. Then contact individual deans.
  ○ Question from Senator: How do we lobby for budget changes at the legislative level?
    ■ Answer: Contact the graduate school and the provosts and ask them to advocate for graduate student salaries.
  ○ Q: What can the university do to prevent the budget situation in the future, what mistakes can we avoid?
    ■ A: Not over invest in too many ideas at one time.
  ○ Q: Are carryforwards considered when allocating funds to different colleges and departments?
    ■ A: No, carryover is encouraged to build up reserves within colleges and departments.

• 6:30-6:45 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds

• 6:45 | Open Floor
  ○ Open Discussion: How was College Gameday? After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to vpgpsa@wsu.edu.
    ■ The good:
      ● The town of Pullman did a good job managing traffic.
      ● Brought positive media attention to Pullman.
      ● The town and college were well represented in the media.
    ■ The bad:
      ● Getting to campus and parking for students who need to get to their labs and run experiments for example.
      ● It was not inclusive: some students, especially international, did not understand why it was a big deal.
      ● Some loading docks were blocked off, noise was disruptive.
      ● Pullman emergency services were busy and hard to utilize.
    ■ Please forward any other stories to David or Amir.
● 7:00 - 7:30 | New Business
○ 3-5 people are needed to test the campus mobile app if interested contact Amir
○ If you are interested in grant writing opportunities contact David
○ Research & Extension (R&E) Center Student Meeting Recap
■ Held at Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center (WSU Prosser IAREC)
■ Margaret McCoy spoke on the event, life on a R&E Center, and next steps for reducing the gap in services provided to R&E students
  ● Approx. 65 R&E students from 6 departments, 25 attended meeting
  ○ R&E students classification as Pullman students causes issues with:
    ■ Stipends, UREC access, mental health and medical services.
    ■ Housing is limited.
■ Questions for Margaret McCoy
  ● Question from Senator: Why does CAHNRS not keep record of which students are at R&E centers
    ○ Answer: It is a system level problem. The computer system does not differentiate between R&E and Pullman campus
  ● Question from Senator: How can we advocate for R&E students to be given their own classification?
    ○ Answer: College level advocacy.
  ● Senator requested floor time at end of meeting.
    ○ Granted without objection.
○ Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution/Discussion
■ Drafting resolution now
■ General goals and comments
○ Graduate Student Stipend Levels
■ Mini-presentation to start conversation
  ● Deans and Chairs are extremely important
  ● Any discussion needs to start at the department level
  ● Senator suggested that we collect data on stipends, perhaps a survey
● Senator suggested cost of living data could be used to advocate for stipend increase
  ○ Chinook and UREC fees
    ■ Currently working on a plan to potentially let grad students pick between which facility they want to use (Access to one or other not both). Would pay the same UREC fee.
    ● Question from Senator: Why do we pay a fee voted on in 1998, the debt should have been paid?
      ○ Issue will be looked into
    ● Question from Senator: What services do undergrads get?
      ○ Both, but they pay an extra fee
      ○ Follow up question: Why would we pay the higher UREC fee instead of the lower chinook fee?
        ■ Fees are pre-allocated, Senate voted down the chinook fee in 2015. Grad students can access both by paying Chinook fee out of pocket.
    ● Question from Senator: Grad students get access to Down Under, would they get a choice?
      ○ Answer: will be brought up during next talks with execs
  ● Additional comments can be emailed to David
  ○ Chat ‘n Chew with President Schultz
    ■ Nov. 13 ~5:30 Business Hospitality Center
  ○ Legislative affairs
    ■ 2018 Midterm WA Initiatives Summary Document
      ● Advocacy documents can be found online on CougSync
  ○ RSO Affiliate Funding Open
    ■ Applications are on CougSync
  ○ Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
    ■ Some senators have come in, more are encouraged
  ○ Shima Shams given floor time
    ■ Department of Homeland Security is proposing a major change to the F1 visa. This would dramatically affect international graduate students who earn a Masters degree in the US and then go on to a Doctorate program. It would also impact international students who are in a doctorate program that takes 5 or more years to complete.
      ● Stories are needed for effective advocacy
        ○ Stories from graduate students that are impacted can be sent to David, Amir, Josh, or Shima.
  ○ Susan, Director of Internal Affairs given floor time
Senate Housewarming event is on Nov. 8 at the Asian Pacific American Cultural House. Dinner will be provided.

- 7:30 | Adjournment