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- I. Call to Order (5:30pm)**
  - A. Approval of Agenda (5:30pm)
- II. Guest Speaker (5:30 - 5:55pm)**
  - A. John A. Shaheen, Director of [WSU Transportation](#)
    1. Contact Information: (509) 335-5105 | [shaheen@wsu.edu](mailto:shaheen@wsu.edu)
      - a) Why parking lots upgraded from yellow to green etc.?
        - (1) Had to be done and it was agreed last year.
      - b) Clear certain lots on Friday by 1:00pm for football games
        - (1) If confused, call WSU Transit
      - c) New parking pass procedure this year.
        - (1) Contact WSU transit
      - d) In Winter Bus waiting an hour for Express Routes (Overbooked drives)
        - (1) Working on it
      - e) Busses need more especially Gray and Crimson
        - (1) Working on it
- III. Important Announcements (5:55pm - 6:05pm)**
  - A. Openings for University Committees
    1. Let Shane or David know if want to serve on a University Committee
      - a) We need representation of GPSA on these committees
      - b) Share that these positions are open with your constituents
  - B. Drive to 25 Working Group
    1. Need Suggestions on How to Increase Research at WSU
      - a) Email [Amir Gilmore](#) by September 15th
    2. The Working Group is looking for suggestion on how to increase:
      - a) Preparation for future research positions;
      - b) Routes to timely publications;
      - c) Mentoring needs to foster impactful outputs
  - C. [Summer Travel Grants Application](#) Closes Tonight
  - D. PDI Events
    1. [Benefits of Sleep](#) (9/11/17, 3:10pm-4:00pm @CUE 419)
    2. [Financial Literacy Series: Fundamentals](#) (9/12/17, 12:00-2:00 pm @CUB L60)
    3. [Graduate Student Prestigious Fellowship Workshop](#) (9/13/17, 2:00-4:00pm @ CUB L60)
    4. [Managing Academic Relationships](#) (9/14/17, 12:00-2:00 pm, @CUB L60)



5. [Writing Workshop Series: Goal Setting and Project Management](#) (9/20/17, 1:30-3:30pm @Terrell 20E)

E. [GPSA Ice Cream Social at Ferdinand's Ice Cream](#)

1. September 20th, 2017, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

F. 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

G. DACA Update

H. Meeting on Sexual Assault Letter

1. September 12th, 2017
  - a) Any questions, comments, or concerns, please email [Shane Reynolds](#)

**IV. Open Floor (6:05pm - 6:35pm)**

**A. Update**

1. Senators must approach the podium to introduce a new topic
2. Senate brought to the floor:
  - a) WSU has inconsistent information about fees taken from us at the beginning of the year
    - (1) Talk to representatives at the Chinook
      - (a) You can sign up for classes.
    - (2) Have access about 20 minutes before class starts
    - (3) Spread the word
    - (4) Questions bring to [gpsa.strategic@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.strategic@wsu.edu)
  - b) Mental Health Awareness for GPSA
    - (1) willing to collect stories and concerns
  - c) Make committee and duties more transparent
    - (1) Duties are in the Senator handbook
  - d) Concerns of international students--Amir
    - (1) If questions/issues talk to Graduate School
      - (a) This is why they are here. They will help you.
  - e) Food for Meetings--Amir
    - (1) We do not have budget for a full meal each meeting.
      - (a) We have to go through the CUB catering
        - (i) They are expensive
        - (ii) We are looking for a balance to serve people food and have a cost effective level
    - (2) Suggestions [email Amir](#)



- (a) CUE 518 can serve food and does not have to be from University

**V. Intermission (6:35pm-6:45pm)**

**VI. Old Business (6:45pm-7:00pm)**

A. Executive Office Activity Since 5/17

1. Vice President's Report

- a) Agreed to Serve on the Search Committee for the AVP of Community, Equity, and Inclusion Excellence
- b) Agreed to Serve on the Elson S. Floyd Multicultural Center
- c) Meet with VP of Student Affairs, Mary Jo Gonzales to discuss diversity and inclusion initiatives
- d) Assisted with the Coordination of GPSA's Senator Orientation and WSU Graduate School's New Student Orientation
- e) Collaboratively Worked with GPSA partners to revamp the GPSA budget
- f) Scheduled Guest Presenters with the Focus on Inclusivity

2. Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report

- a) Higher education news/legislation tracking
- b) Outreach to legislative advocacy personnel at other universities
- c) WSA, SGC, NAGPS, and Vancouver participation & presentations
- d) Agreed to serve on the search advisory committee for the next CAHNRS dean
- e) Agreed to serve on the Academic Integrity Committee
- f) NAGPS Fall LAD preparation
- g) Creating the Legislative Agenda

3. GPSA Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy

- a) Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)
  - (1) Support the document
  - (2) Would like WSU to "define" hate speech so people can identify it
  - (3) Implementations of actions from the university when these are identified
  - (4) Senate motioned to send the resolution to University Affairs to redraft and add language
    - (a) Motion passed
    - (b) Senators also had concerns surrounding 1st amendment right, free speech and hate speech

**VII. New Business (7:00pm -7:30pm)**

A. New GPSA Committee on WSU Campus Climate

- 1. GPSA wanted to create this committee because



- a) There is currently no university committee to directly address race and ethnicity related issues.
  - b) There is no centralization of student voice to the administration on these specific issues.
  - c) A student led commission is more likely to get student support.
  - d) Administration has expressed logistical difficulties in forming a similar committee themselves.
2. President motioned to create the commission
    - a) Motion passed
  3. First meeting is Wednesday September 13th at 5pm, CUB L37
- B. Legislative Agenda
1. 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.
    - a) State/University Level
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      - (3) The GPSA supports the creation of a minimum stipend for WSU graduate students that meets or exceeds the cost of living in Whitman County.
      - (4) The GPSA will continue to advocate for a sustained graduate/professional student tuition freeze in the state legislature.
      - (5) The GPSA urges Washington State University to combat the causes of student mental health issues, and supports research into the origin and circumstances surrounding such causes.
      - (6) 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.
    - b) Federal Level
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- (7) The GPSA urges members of Congress to support legislation that ensures open public access to research that has been funded through taxpayer dollars.

**VIII. Adjournment (7:30pm)**

**Next Senate Meeting: September 25th, 2017**



## **Appendix:**

### **I. GPSA Executive Board & Director Reports**

#### **President's Report — Shane R. Reynolds**

- **8/30: met with Dean of Students Kathy McKay. She gave us the name of a good contact in IP to contact regarding student issues.**
- **8/30: Met with Guillermo Rogel and Maresa Miranda, the Director and President of the Washington Student Association to discuss our goals and future membership funding plans.**
- **8/31: met with the executive board**
- **9/1: met with President Schulz and Chancellor Netzhammer about expanding GPSA to WSU Vancouver.**
- **9/6-7: Search Committee interviews for the VP of Advance.**

#### **Vice President's Report — Amir Gilmore**

- **8/24 - Assisted in taking pictures for the Welcome Back BBQ**
- **8/30: met with Dean of Students Kathy McKay. We spoke about student issues and campus climate**
- **8/30: Met with Guillermo Rogel and Maresa Miranda, the Director and President of the Washington Student Association to discuss our goals and future membership funding plans.**
- **8/31: Attended Executive Board Meeting**
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- **9/6: Attend Drive to 25 R&D Expenditures Postdoc and Student Working Group**
  - **Invited by Vice President of Research Christopher Keane**
  - **It is an action committee that helps measure the metrics of :**
    - **Federal R&D Expenditures**
    - **Total R&D Expenditures**
  - **I am collecting suggestion on how to increase research opportunities for graduate students**

#### **Vice President of Legislative Affairs' Report — Josh Munroe**

- **August 29th - Finalized Fall 2017 NAGPS LAD travel plans**
- **August 30th - Met with Guillermo and Maresa from WSA about graduate representation on the state level**
- **September 1st - Met with President Schulz and Chancellor Netzhammer (Vancouver) about setting up a GPSA in Vancouver, and about campus safety**
- **September 6th - Finalized draft of the GPSA legislative agenda**
  - **Conference call with Glynda Becker, WSU Director of Federal Relations, about legislative priorities for Fall 2017 NAGPS LAD**



**Director of Professional Development Report – Jenn Johnson**

- August 23: Met with Grad School to finalize roles and next steps for upcoming events
- August 24: volunteered at Welcome Back BBQ
- August 25: Developed tracking system for tasks/steps leading up to, during, and after each event
- August 29: Set up first committee meeting before first event
- August 31: Held first committee meeting (some of committee attended) to introduce members to the committee, prep for upcoming event, and sign-up for future events
- September 6: Held first committee meeting (rest of committee) to introduce members to the committee, prep for upcoming event, and sign-up for future events
- September 6: Had budget meeting with Alex and Davi
- September 6: Gathered/printed/created all stuff for event on the 7th

**Director of Communications Report – Candace Chappelle**

- August 28: Met with Rheannon Hawkins to want to revise the GPSA website to make it accessible
- August 28: Developed document for committee members duties
- September 1: Contacted committee members to organize the date for first meeting

**Director of Grants Report – Motahare Athariboroujny**

- Prepared a presentation for meeting with travel coordinators
- Attended meeting with travel coordinators to discuss about the process and hear their ideas and thoughts to improve the process
- Contacted my committee members to notify them about their position
- Set up a meeting time for our first meeting before the travel application deadline
- Prepared agenda and presentation for meeting with the committee members
- Held two meetings so that every committee members can attend a meeting; discussing on application instruction, policy, grading criteria, reviewing process
- Sent meeting minute to my committee members after the meeting
- Learned how to add reviewers to the zoomgrants system
- Learned how to assign applications to the reviewers in zoomgrants
- Updated categorizing applications based on the travel period
- Started to make a step by step review process document so that reviewers become comfortable with reviewing process in zoomgrants
- Volunteered at Welcome Back BBQ
- Contacted with zoomgrants people to discuss about setting up the application for Fall travel period

**University Affairs Report – David Silva**

- Aug 30: Launched new committee reporting process
- Aug 31-Sep 6: Set invitations and deadlines for committee reports (reports due Thursday before Senate meeting)
- Sep 1: Worked with Shane and Amir to fill last few open committee seats
- Sep 6: Contacted University Affairs Committee members about scheduling the first meeting
- Sep 6: Set basic outline for committee goals and responsibilities

**Director of Internal Affairs Report – Sanaz Jarolmasjed**

- Contacted committee members to set up a meeting
- Organized the committee responsibilities to be assigned to members



**Director of Programming Report – Brittany Wood**

- **Created Event: GPSA Study Center Grand Opening**
  - **September 27th, 2017**
  - **10am-12pm**
  - **Terrell Library Rm 35**
  - **There will be coffee and donuts**

**Director of Strategic Planning & Scholarship – Jing Sun**

- **Aug 31st: Connected with Ana Burton and Hailey Rupp from WSU Foundation, Ana will meet Jing in late september and discuss the collaboration between WSU academic showcase and GPSA research expo.**
- **Reviewed the feedback survey from spring 2017 GPSA research expo.**

**Director of Community Affairs – Tiffany Alvarez**

- **8/30 attended first city council meeting**
- **8/31 emailed committee members**

**II. Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy**

**A. Resolution in Support of All Minority-Status WSU Students**

The Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association  
Resolution 2017.5

Approved by GPSA Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State University Graduate and Professional Student Association is the representative body for graduate and professional students at Washington State University as established under the authority of the Washington State University Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Washington State University (WSU) is “to apply knowledge through local and global engagement that will improve quality of life and enhance the economy of the state, nation, and world”; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the WSU values statement, “we are committed to ensuring trust and respect for all persons in an environment that cultivates individual and institutional integrity in all that we do”; and

**WHEREAS**, a subgoal of the WSU values statement expresses that “we are committed to the land-grant ideals of access, engagement, leadership, and service to bring the practical benefits of education to the state, nation, and global community”; and





**WHEREAS**, another sub goal of the WSU values statement expresses that “we embrace a worldview that recognizes and values the importance of domestic and global diversity, global interdependence, and sustainability”; and

**WHEREAS**, the College Republicans at WSU sought to host alt-right agitator Milo Yiannopoulos on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, only to have the event cancelled by inclement weather; and

**WHEREAS**, fliers were found scattered around the WSU campus on February 14, 2017 that read, “a notice to all citizens of the United States of America, it is your civic duty to report any and all illegal aliens to U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement; they have broken the law”; and

**WHEREAS**, a video with racist messaging circulated online in late April of 2017 that focused on an October 2016 political rally held on the WSU campus for then Presidential candidate Donald Trump; and

**WHEREAS**, WSU gained negative local, statewide, and national attention in August of 2017 when the leader of the WSU College Republicans attended a “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, an event which prominently featured white supremacists and Neo-Nazis.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) of Washington State University supports students without regard to their race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, national origin, immigration status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, GPSA opposes all expressions of white supremacy and Neo-Nazism at WSU, whether or not it receives protections under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, GPSA urges the administrative personnel at WSU to unilaterally and publicly condemn any and all expressions of white supremacy and Neo-Nazism at WSU, regardless of technical First Amendment protections; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, GPSA also urges the administrative personnel at WSU to maintain a strong commitment to the safety of all students, consistent with state and federal laws; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, upon passage this resolution shall be sent to Governor Jay Inslee, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, WSU President Kirk Schulz, WSU Provost Dan Bernardo, WSU Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Jo Gonzales, WSU Interim



Dean of Students Kathy MacKay, Vice President for External Affairs and Government Relations Colleen Kerr, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Mary Wack, U.S. Senators for the State of Washington Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, U.S. Representative for Washington's 5<sup>th</sup> District Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, State Senator for Washington's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Mark Schoesler, State Representatives for Washington's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Mary Dye and Joe Schmick, and GPSA President Shane R. Reynolds.

### **III. GPSA 2017-18 Legislative Agenda**

#### **A. Washington State University**

#### **Graduate and Professional Student Association 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda**

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#### **IV. Sexual Assault Policy Letter**

Dear President Schulz & Athletic Director Moos,

Two months ago Indiana University made headlines by instituting a policy to prevent the recruitment of any athlete with a history of sexual violence. Specifically those who have pled guilty to or been convicted of dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment, rape, sexual assault, or sexual violence as defined by WAC's 504-26-221, 504-26-222, 504-26-223, and 504-26-227.

We are writing this letter to urge your immediate consideration of a new policy at WSU that would ban the recruitment of any athlete that falls into this category. The safety of our students and the surrounding community is our paramount duty as leaders, and we believe this policy will not only prevent future offenses of sexual violence, but will also send a message that Washington State University is serious about combating this issue.

It is so important that one of the most visible and foundational parts of our university take a harsh stance against those who commit such violent acts. We do not believe that this is the only answer to preventing sexual assault on our campus, but we think any step we take to prevent these horrific acts is a significant step in the right direction. As representatives of the entire undergraduate, graduate, and student athlete population, we strongly urge the adoption of this policy;

Jordan Frost  
**ASWSU President**

Abu Kamara  
**SAAC President**

Shane Reynolds  
**GPSA President**