



- I. Call to Order (5:30pm)**
 - A. Approve Minutes (5:30pm)
- II. Guest Speaker (5:30 - 5:55pm)**
 - A. ASWSU Senator Savannah Rogers
 1. Pass resolution for denouncing White Supremacy
 - a) ASWSU is attempting to do the same
 - B. Renee Coleman-Mitchell, M.P.H., Executive Director of [WSU Health and Wellness Services](#) With Donna Hash
 - a) If have questions about Health and Wellness Services, please email Renee [here](#).
 2. Charges and Fees
 - a) \$20 increase in health fees for:
 - (1) To Support Mental Health and Mental Health Initiatives by HWS
 - (2) Hire more full-time staff (psychiatrist)
 - (3) Increase nursing staff and student assistants
 - (4) Ultrasound machine and other medical equipment
 - (5) There will be a separate Graduate Health Advisory Council
 - (a) It became apparent that Undergraduate and Graduate Student Health issues need their own separate Council
 - (6) [WSU Vision Clinic](#)
 - (a) With Graduate Insurance 100% paid eye exams
 - (b) [The Cougar Package](#).
 - (i) Your \$200 hardware benefit can go towards glasses, prescription sunglasses, or contact lenses.
 - (ii) Cougar Package that includes selected frames, single vision polycarbonate lenses, and an anti-reflective coating.
- III. Important Announcements (5:55pm - 6:05pm)**
 - A. Feedback from the [Welcome Back BBQ](#)
 1. 300 graduate & professional students attended
 2. Issue with some graduate and professional students not getting food
 - a) Pictures from the event are on [Facebook](#)
 - B. [GPSA Summer Travel Grants Period Still Open](#)
 1. Travel Period: April 15th, 2017 - September 8th, 2017
 - a) Application Period: May 23rd, 2017 - September 11, 2017
 2. Ending soon (September 11, 2017)



3. Tell your friends and colleagues to apply
4. Zoom grants are down right now because of Hurricane Harvey
 - a) GPSA is doing our best to rectify the issue

C. Professional Development Initiative

1. PDI's Goal: To Make You The:
 - a) Best student possible
 - b) Best professional possible
 - c) Best person possible
2. 44 Events This Year
 - a) Next Event: Working Together in Teams with Dr. Laura Lavine
 - b) Full list of PDI events are here.

D. GPSA Ice Cream Social at Ferdinand's Ice Cream

1. September 20th, 2017, 12:00pm - 3:00pm
 - a) Tell a friend, bring a friend
 - b) Make sure to bring your Cougar Card

E. GPSA Committees

1. Still finalizing list of candidates of who should serve on what committee
2. Please be patient

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

A. Senate Chair will explained new process for Senate Open Floor

1. Senators will have 8 minutes to converse with other fellow Senators about graduate and professional student issues
2. Senators will have the open floor to bring up and discuss the issues to the entire Senate
 - a) Senators can motion & vote if GPSA can assist taking action with the issue or concern
3. If no concerns/announcements are presented, Open Floor will close, and we will continue with our next agenda item.
4. Items that were discussed:
 - a) Hiring Freeze for Departments
 - (1) Senator Gillreath-Brown brought up the issue about the lack of faculty in his department because of the university hiring freeze
 - b) Positions available for Graduate and Professional students to serve on for University Committees
 - c) Five Burning questions to ask President Schulz
 - (1) VP of Student Affairs asked Amir Gilmore (GPSA VP) to talk to graduate and professional students about questions that they wanted to ask WSU President Kirk Schulz



- (a) If you have any questions, please email Amir Gilmore (vpgpsa@wsu.edu)
- d) Support for International Student Issues
 - (1) A significant amount of graduate and professional students at WSU are international students
 - (2) Senator Haghighi mentioned that some international students feel uncomfortable discussing issues regarding their professors
 - (a) Students fear retaliation from their professor
 - (i) Fear that their funding might be pulled
 - (3) GPSA VP encouraged students to go the Graduate School
 - (a) They have the power and the resources to work with students
 - (b) GPSA cannot be in a meeting with or on the behalf of students because of [FERPA](#)
 - (4) A Senator recommended that students can also go to the [Dean of Students](#)
 - (5) Another Senator recommended that GPSA speaks to the [Office of International Programs](#)
 - (6) Another Senator recommended the creation of FAQ page on resources for international and domestic students
- e) Senator Snacks
 - (1) GPSA VP Amir Gilmore brought the complexity of the snack situation
 - (a) GPSA was not in CUB compliance last year
 - (b) Food through the CUB is too expensive
 - (i) Subway is \$500 per senate meeting
 - (c) GPSA needs to find an alternative for food

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

- A. Intermission took place earlier in the meeting
 - 1. After the guest speaker because of the delay in getting the Senators their food

VI. Executive Office Reports (6:45pm-7:00pm)

- A. Executive Office Activity Since 5/17
 - 1. President's Report
 - a) See attached report below
 - b) Much discussion surrounding the [Sexual Assault Letter](#) sent to President Schulz and Athletic Director Bill Moos



(1) Meeting next month to discuss the letter and potential policies

B. Motion to table until next Senate Meeting (9/11) for the rest of the Executive Office reports.

Senate mostly in favor...Motion passes

2. Vice President's Report (Tabled Until 9/11)

a) See attached report below

3. Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report (Tabled Until 9/11)

a) See attached report below

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

A. Senate Approval of GPSA Special Election Appointees

1. Motion to approve

a) Senate Mostly in favor

b) Motion passes

(1) Special Election Senators are approved

B. Bylaws Amendment for GPSA Committees

1. Appendix II (See below)

a) Senator Craven proposed to add a paragraph to GPSA Bylaws: Article III, Section 9, Subsection E: Permanent Committees

(1) Senator Craven's reasoning (Please See Below)

(a) Motion passes

(2) Proposed Motion: Approve (4) GPSA Ad Hoc committees

(a) The Committees Are:

(i) Communications

(ii) Strategic Planning & Scholarship

(iii) Community Affairs

(iv) University Affairs

(b) Motion passes

(i) The (4) GPSA Committees are added

C. GPSA Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy

1. Table this till next senate meeting (9/11)

a) Vote to table till next Senate Meeting

(1) Motion passes

2. Potential to partner with ASWSU

D. New GPSA Committee on WSU Campus Climate (Tabled)

VIII. Adjournment (7:30pm)



Appendix:

I. GPSA Executive Board Reports

A. President's Report – Shane Reynolds

Work in no particular order:

- Met with each Dean, the Provost, and the President to discuss our priorities for the year.
- Consulted on new S&A Fees website
- Signed MOU with Graduate School outlining partnership for PDI going forward.
- Settled on PDI event list (44 events scheduled to date)
 - Approved speaking and subscription contracts
 - Developed event Matrix to ease event selection by students
- Redesigned GPSA website to conform to accessibility requirements
- Reconciled FY 2016-2017 budget
- Developed new budgetary protocols and sheets with built in checks to ensure budget tracking and compliance.
- Met with Mary Jo, Chris Hoyt, and Joan King to be transparent regarding tuition increase for undergrads.
- Met with Mary Jo, Kathy McCabe, and ASWSU-x President's regarding President Schulz statement and Administration reaction to Charlottesville events.
- Stage member in Convocation.
- Planned and executed Executive Board Retreat in Palouse on August 19th.
- Compiled list of active university committees and appointed representatives to 75% of them (in progress).
- Interviewed office assistant candidates.
- Finalized GPSA Master Calendar for AY 2017-2018.
- Managed the delivery and installation of study center renovations with Exec Office.
- Ended CUB usage agreement saving GPSA \$2500.
- Chaired the senate special election senator appointments.
- Met with the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women to discuss shared goals and overlapping interests to develop our partnership for the coming year.



- Met with Faculty Senate Chairs to discuss priorities and partnership.
- Attended Organic Farm Dinner and networked with University partners and Stakeholders.
- Attended Student Government Council (exec offices of all student governments WSU system wide) at WSU Vancouver from July 20-21.
 - Discussed other campuses having access to Butch, the future of President Student Advisory Board.
- Met with WSU Transportation group to discuss the Transportation committees and the plans for parking and the campaign to get more students to get to campus without their car.
- Attended Open Meetings Law and Records Request Law workshop with WA AG's office.
- Attended GPSA booth at Graduate School Orientation.
- Attended WSA General Assembly in Ellensburg on May 13th.
- Met with WSU Children's Center and signed MOU regarding our fiscal arrangement.
- Assisted organization of Travel Coordinator meeting to improve Travel Grants process.

B. Vice President's Report – Amir Gilmore

- May 16th, 2017 - Took Office
- May 22nd, 2017 - Meeting CUB administration about GPSA space
- May 24th, 2017 - Meeting With John Surdyk from University of Wisconsin - Madison
 - Meeting about entrepreneurship for graduate students
 - Attempting to set up a summer program for graduate students
- June 7th, 2017 - Finalized Master Calendar
- June 8th, 2017 - Scheduled Executive Board Pics
- June 16th, 2017 - Accepted the invitation to serve the search committee for Associate Vice President of Community, Equity, and Inclusion Excellence
- June 28th - 30th, 2017 - Interviewed candidates for Office Assistant
- July 6th, 2017 - Worked on Senate Orientation Materials
- July 11th, 2017 - Worked on Senate Orientation Materials
- July 12th, 2017 – Meeting with Mary Jo
 - Discussion of issues pertaining to campus safety
- July 13th, 2017 – Meeting with faculty senate
 - Theme of campus safety continues, senate reps interested in First Amendment issues and classroom conduct between faculty and students
- July 18th, 2017 - Worked on Senate Orientation Materials
- July 20th – 21st, 2017 – Attended SGC in Vancouver
- July 31st, 2017 - Scheduled WSU Transportation to speak at GPSA Senate



- August 2nd, 2017 - Called in for Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center Council Meeting
- August 9th, 2017 - Sent *Letter to the Senate #1* to the GPSA Senate
- August 9th, 2017 - Scheduled Interim Dean Lisa Gloss to speak to GPSA Senate
- August 14th, Emcee'd for the Graduate School Orientation
- August 16th, 2017 - Attended PDI Meeting
- August 17th, 2017 - Scheduled WSU Health & Wellness to speak to GPSA Senate
- August 17th, 2017 - Attended Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center Opening
- August 17th, 2017 - Attended Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center Council Meeting
- August 18th, 2017 – Meeting with Children's Center personnel
- August 19th, 2017 – Exec Board Retreat
- August 21st, 2017 - Hosted the GPSA Senator Orientation
- August 21st, 2017 - Meeting With Mary Jo Gonzales
 - Talked about diversity initiatives

C. Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report – Joshua Munroe

- May 13th, 2017 – WSA General Assembly in Ellensburg, WA
 - Presented on NAGPS and graduate/professional-level legislative advocacy.
- May 16th, 2017 – Took office
- May 16th à present – Keeping records of both higher education political news, as well as legislation at the federal level that directly pertains to graduate-professional students
- May 21st à present – Monthly planning meetings with the NAGPS legislative personnel, every 3rd Sunday of the month
 - Also monthly meetings with the NAGPS Western Region Board on the same days
- May 23rd – June 8th, 2017 – Contacted other legislative personnel from member institutions in the NAGPS Western region
 - Also reached out to the VP of External Affairs at UW
- May 30th, 2017 – Started communications with Glynda Becker, the WSU Director of Federal Relations
- June 14th à present – Revisions periodically noted on the 2016-2017 legislative agenda
- June 28th – 30th, 2017 – Participated in each OA candidate interview
- June 29th à present – Regular attendance of the PDI Exec Committee with the Grad School
 - Bottom of the totem pole
- July 12th, 2017 – Meeting with Mary Jo
 - Discussion of issues pertaining to campus safety
- July 13th, 2017 – Meeting with faculty senate
 - Theme of campus safety continues, senate reps interested in First Amendment issues and classroom conduct between faculty and students
- July 20th – 21st, 2017 – Attended SGC in Vancouver



- July 25th, 2017 – Meeting with WSU Transportation
- July 27th, 2017 – Travel arrangements made for NAGPS Fall LAD
- August 6th, 2017 – WSA Board of Directors meeting in Olympia, WA
 - Further contact with UW graduate legislative personnel
- August 14th, 2017 – Attended the WSU Vancouver graduate orientation on behalf of GPSA
- August 17th, 2017 – Presented at PPPA graduate orientation
 - Also a preliminary exec retreat meeting in the evening
- August 18th, 2017 – Meeting with Children’s Center personnel
- August 19th, 2017 – Exec Board Retreat

II. Resolution to Amend the Bylaws

The bylaws of the Graduate and Professional Student Association of Washington State University (GPSA) Article III, Section 9, Subsection E: Permanent Committees will be amended to add the following paragraph:

1. Additional standing committees may be created by the Senate.
 1. Any additional standing committee must be created with a specified duration that is not longer than the current session of the Senate.
 2. Appointments to additional standing committees will follow the procedures defined in subsection A.

Reasoning

The senate currently has the authority to create standing committees. [Constitution, Article VI, Section 2] However, the current standing committees are enumerated in the bylaws, and there is no provision allowing for the creation of additional committees. Therefore, the only way to create new standing committees is to amend the bylaws as to the specific committees or to specify the power to create committees not specified in the Bylaws. [RONR (11th ed.), p. 491, ll. 26-32]

The amendment enumerated above would create the ability for the senate to create additional standing committees and not conflict with the Bylaws. The caveat in subparagraph (i) is designed to discourage the creation of committees in this manner rather than through an amendment to the Bylaws. The second subparagraph is necessary because of the wording of subsection A. I will note that this is a band-aid solution, but it will allow for the timely creation of committees at the current meeting without being in violation of the bylaws.



As it may head of another questions, please not that the current wording in the Bylaws [Article III, Section 9, subsection A] only gives the Executive Board the ability to create ad hoc (special committees). Additionally, as the senate must vote to approve the committee anyway, there is basically no difference between that and having the senate create the committee. (Note that this does not preclude the President from making motions relating to committees in his or her capacity as a voting member of the senate.)