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To join via Zoom: <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/609454442>

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #2 Minutes
 - Approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #3 Agenda
 - Approved
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - **PDI Events**
 - [*Work and Wellness Discussion Series: The Slow Professor with Dr. Laura Lavine*](#)
 - September 25th, 12–1pm in CUB L60
 - [*Industry Resumes & Linked In Presence with Dr. Isaiah Hankel*](#)
 - 9/27/19 from 12–2 PM (Session 1) and 2:30–3:30 PM ([Session 2](#))
 - Headshots at 2pm after Session 1.
 - Session 2 is solely for students who are doing the 1-on-1 event, be sure to register!
 - Venue: CUB L60 (Butch's Den) for Session 1, CUB 208 for Session 2.
 - Lunch will be provided.
 - See [Graduate School PDI schedule](#) for upcoming PDI events.
 - **Programming Events**
 - Ice Cream Social at Ferdinand's Update (Served 503 students!)
 - If you have any recommendations/suggestions, then please email rachel.wong@wsu.edu.
 - Bowling Night @ Zeppoz: Oct. 11 @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - Family friendly
 - Free pizza slice (but this is limited to first come first serve basis)
 - Bring valid IDs if you want drinks
 - **Community Events**
 - Please check out the [Community Engagement Page](#) for upcoming community events around WSU and the Palouse! Thanks Jenn Johnson for putting this comprehensive page together!
 - Includes a calendar for events in Pullman & Moscow.
 - Also includes a list of community partners, their website, and contact information.



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- **Graduate School**
 - **“Donuts with the Dean”**
 - Do you have any questions, comments or concerns for the dean of the graduate school? Come grab a donut and chat with Dr. Lisa Gloss who is holding weekly office hours in the GPSA Graduate Lounge in Terrell Library 4/35. Check out [Donuts with the Dean Page](#) to find dates and times to meet with the Dean.
- 5:40 | Guest Speakers from [WSU Division of Student Affairs](#)
 - **Dr. Ellen Taylor**, Associate Vice President of Student Engagement: Speaking on student engagement and student needs
 - **Terry Boston**, Associate Vice President Division of Student Affairs Finance & Operations
 - Advisory boards for housing are seeking participation from students and student organizations.
 - **Jill Creighton**, Associate Vice President Division of Student Affairs Campus Life/Dean of Students
 - Emphasized the point that Student Affairs is for *all* students, not just undergraduates.
 - They also handle assistance with emergency financial loans, temporary housing needs, and general advice.
 - [Center for Community Standards](#)–disciplinary committee
 - Needs more graduate students for University Hearing Boards, contact [Jill Creighton](#) for more information.
 - [AWARE Network](#)
 - “The AWARE Network allows you to share concerns about a student’s emotional or psychological well-being, physical health, or academic performance with colleagues who can help.”
 - **Dr. Jaime Nolan**, Associate Vice President Division of Student Affairs Community, Equity, & Inclusive Excellence
 - Oversees the Five campus [culture and climate Working Groups](#), [Womens’ Resource Center](#), and the [Gender Identity/Expression Sexual Orientation and Resource Center](#)
- 6:00 | Dialogue with the Associate Vice Presidents of Student Affairs Division
 - For Ellen: There currently isn’t any way for instructors to know which students are a part of [CAMP](#) (College Assistance for Migrants Program) unless the students choose to reach out. Is there a way to



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notify instructors by the beginning of the semester, so they might know who could use more help?

- Will reach out and try to resolve this, but some students may not want to be outed as CAMP participants.
- For Ellen: In the past, the university hasn't been able to meet the demands for mental health services. Where are we on this?
 - Not resolved yet, still working on that, but it's Ellen's highest priority. The wait is not as long as it's been in the past, but Ellen acknowledges that there are still gaps in needs. Pursuing a more interdisciplinary team to address a greater variety of concerns.
- For Jill: Waitlist for graduate apartments is highly competitive, not all apartments have full amenities (i.e., washer/dryer).
 - University has older infrastructure and unexpectedly high needs for on-campus housing (First year on-campus mandate).
- For Ellen: Are there any efforts in increasing telehealth services, specifically with CAPS, in order to meet the needs of diverse students w/o having to bring people to Pullman?
 - Working w/ assistant attorney generals on this. Currently there are so many possible solutions, and we are trying to look at all of them. Sometimes things that look like great ideas don't always translate well, and currently there aren't a lot of professionals offering telehealth. Trying to tap into networks on the West Side of the state as well.
- For Ellen and Jaime: Graduate student insurance out-of-pocket maximum fees are high (7k for individuals). This is very steep compared to similar institutions, and presents a large issue for those with chronic health issues, who are likely to reach those maximum fees. Is there anything going on with this?
 - Ellen: I do not know a lot of the ins and outs of our student health insurance. Annual discussion with insurance company negotiating co-pays occurs, recent changes have made this discussion more difficult. We will not be negotiating that again until the beginning of spring semester. Chronic illnesses are a very small percentage of our students, typically college students are a very healthy population, but still, we are trying to make sure students who would not normally have access to college, which includes students with chronic illnesses, have better access, so we want to keep this in mind in our future negotiations.



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- Jaime: One of the Five Working Groups is looking at retention of professionals and we are trying to expand this to graduate students, so we will keep this in mind as we move forward, would love to be contacted about this as well.
- For All: Only students with GA positions get that insurance, can we get coverage for all other graduate students?
 - Jaime: These are serious considerations and I will include that in our evaluations of where we are now and what we are moving towards.
- 6:15 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
- 6:25 - 6:30 | Open Floor
 - Rachel Wong, Chair of Programming
 - Typically, we have a spring soccer event, but we do not get a large turnout. What are the senator's preferences for a different fall sport event, between volleyball and dodgeball.
 - 22 volleyball
 - 20 dodgeball
 - Senators preferred a volleyball competition over dodgeball.
- 6:30 - 7:00 | New Business
 - Vote on Senators-at-Large and Academic Units (See Attachment 1)
 - Majority Aye, vote passes
 - To clarify: These senators applied during summer as "At-Large" senators. They were assigned to these departments at random to departments that did not have representatives, or enough representatives for the number of constituents. These senators will get an email with more information.
 - We talked about the proposal last meeting and this information was sent out last week.
 - Material Science and Engineering is in the College of Engineering, not in the Graduate School
 - If a program is in the Graduate School, it usually means it is interdisciplinary or unincorporated, this is how this information was presented to our officers.



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- Legislative Affairs Updates (Matthew Sutherland)
 - Vote on Olympia stay for VPLA
 - Specifically, he is asking for an amendment (that we will vote on next) to add \$3000 as a line item in the legislative affairs budget to cover his housing during the 60 day trip to Olympia.
 - This includes lobbying the state legislature.
 - Previous Olympia trip for Committee Days:
 - Already have them talking more about education bills
 - Asked for work session specifically for graduate student issues
 - UW GPSS (GPSA equivalent) wants to work w/ us on asks for health care, especially standards of health care, specific mental health asks, professional student costs, Title IX legislation, domestic violence legislation, addressing the needs of marginalized populations, and housing crisis for victims of domestic violence.
 - Question: The budget sent out already has the \$3000 for housing. Is this on top of that?
 - No, it is not additional, we just wanted to bring it up for discussion.
 - Question: Communication plan. How are you going to communicate what you are doing and how you are doing it, how can we ensure regular communication and any conflicts of interest? Hesitant to vote for this without a plan in place.
 - VPLA: A report would be sent at least every 2 weeks, if not weekly. Weekly or biweekly reporting, introducing on our website what bills we are tracking to make it easier to sift through, planning on emulating a reporting process similar to other institutions, but no process decided upon yet. This is the first time we are doing this, so he needs some trust to be your advocate, but happy to have additional communication.
 - Question: Is there a plan set in place right now, if you are approved for this \$3000, what will come of that and what will you be held accountable for? Like a 1 page document of what is expected of him.
 - VPLA: Will allow him to do his job closer to where he needs to be. Politics is more art than science and cannot promise he will be able to get bills passed, cannot promise specific results but promises more efficiency,



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possibilities and opportunities to advocate for us. Already reports what he does to the senate, but will be tailored more to what senators want to see, but no, there is currently no specific guiding document for trips to Olympia.

- Question: Was this run by AG's office to make sure we are not violating the codes?
 - VPLA: This money is not going to me, this is going to travel expenses. This is standard practice for undergraduates here and undergrads and grads at other institutions. This is in-line with current practices, if anything we are behind other institutions.
- Statement: Appreciate the 4 pages sent in advance, but maybe should send in your current job description and detail your plans for additional reporting.
 - VPLA: Sure, and the job description is on the GPSA website, and in the bylaws.
- Voting on tabling this motion until we have a stronger communication plan.
 - Matthew: He delivered a communications plan in his 4 page document.
 - Ralph: We are going to DC on Friday, and we do not have a communications plan, and that is a \$5000 trip. If we need a communications plan, this would need to be a larger issue, and not just for this Olympia trip.
 - Haley: The trip is a few months away, which allows room for development, but the budget needs to be approved now. We can modify that money added later, if need be.
 - Motion was withdrawn.
- **Vote for Olympia stay: Two-thirds majority ayes, approved.**
- Vote on GPSA Budget (See Attachment 2)
 - We had to give \$43000 to S&A, so we are trying to give a place to all of our money.
 - Question: Disagrees how much money is being spent on food for meetings. Especially frustrating when they have been told that funding has been unavailable in other areas.
 - Venice: All of us are professionals and we should have good food. The food was store bought last year and not reflective of the professionalism we expect.



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- Ralph: Discussed how off-campus senators will be compensated as well: we are thinking of off-campus getting an additional \$100 each semester, but this can be negotiated. These numbers are not final, and everything can be balanced out.
- Venice: Money has been moved around. Food here is about \$10/person, so it would be about ~\$70 per person for the semester, so we are rounding up to \$100 for off-campus students.
- Question: Travel and Registration Grants: how are these numbers broken down by month, and what happens to monthly monies that are left over?
 - Ralph: They are based on averages from the past three years, rounded up. So far we have a lot left over from the summer months, so we have extra for future months, yes.
 - **VOTE:** Majority Ayes, Approved with 2/3rds majority
 - Point of order: we need a 2/3rds majority to approve a vote.
- NAGPS National Conference attendance Applications--if you'd like to attend, please apply at:
<https://wsu.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/345533>.
 - Deadline to apply is Sept. 27th at 5pm. Applications are being taken on a first come first serve basis.
- Get involved in the future
 - Talk to Matthew
 - Communicate with your representatives
 - Express early interest in Coug Day at the Capitol
 - VOTE!
 - Follow us on social media
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
- 7:00 | Adjournment



Attachments

Attachment 1. Senators-at-large and the Academic Units that they will be representing.

Academic Units	Senators-at-large
CAS	
Critical Culture, Gender, & Race & Foreign Languages & Culture (by apportionment)	Jeremiah Sataraka
English	Tabitha Velasco
Psychology	Steven Hobaica
School of Environment (CAS/ CAHNRS)	James Dalton & Angelo Brown
School of Music	Samir Sbai
CAHNRS	
Animal Science	Daniel Gallegos
Apparel Merchandising Design Textiles	Arian Karimitar
Crop and Soil Science	Tavin Schneider
Horticulture	Huan Zhang
Human Development	Ashutosh Kumar
Plant Pathology	Arunabha Mitra
R&E	Margaret McCoy
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	
Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology	Amy Brown & Anika VanDeen
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE	
Civil and Environmental Engineering	Debomitra Dey
School of Design and Construction	Modhurima Amin
GRADUATE SCHOOL	
Material Science and Engineering	Michael Faust
Individual Interdisciplinary	Zara York
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE	
CVM	Stephanie Johnson
Molecular Biosciences	Cody Lauritsen
Veterinary Medicine	Onur Ramazan; Yashovardhan Sharma; Alejandro Bravo; Julianna Brutman; Amira Albagshi; and Gurdeep Singh Raina



Attachment 2. 2019–2020 Proposed Budget.

Study Center 6601-0113	
SLA Agreement	\$2,500
Misc/office supplies	\$500
Total Budget	\$3,000
Executive Board 6601-0104	
Executive Board Supplies	\$250
Executive Board Training	\$2,000
Misc.	\$250
Total Budget	\$2,500
Advertising/Communications 6601-0103	
Advertising/Promotions	\$2,500
Communications	\$1,500
Total Budget	\$4,000
Professional Development Fund 6601-0102	
Co-Sponsorship: President's Office	\$30,000
GPSA Sponsorship	\$30,000
Total Budget	\$60,000
Programing 6601-0105	
Welcome Back BBQ	\$3,600
Bowling - Fall	\$1,600
Ice Cream Social Fall	\$1,000
Coffee Hour Fall	\$500
Happy Hour Fall	\$1,400
Bowling - Spring	\$1,600
Ice Cream Social Spring	\$1,000
Coffee Hour Spring	\$500
Happy Hour Spring	\$1,400
End of the Year Party	\$3,000
Social Wellbeing Events	\$1,500
Soccer Tournament	\$700
Miscellaneous	\$2,200
Total Budget	\$20,000
Community Affairs 6601-0106	
Pullman Chamber of Commerce	\$250
Event Support	\$3,750
Total Budget	\$4,000
Internal Affairs 6601-0107	
Elections	\$1,750
MISC	\$250
Total Budget	\$2,000



Attachment 2 (continued...). 2019–2020 Proposed Budget.

Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 (pending senate approval)

GPSA FY19-20 Budget	
S&A Allocation	\$576,690
Projected Carryforward	\$0
Co-Sponsorship	\$30,000
17A	\$86,475
TOTAL BUDGET	\$693,165
Operations 6601-0101	
Operations 6601-0101	\$199,907
Study Center 6601-0113	\$3,000
Executive Board 6601-0104	\$2,500
Advertising-Communications 6601-0103	\$4,000
Professional Development Fund 6601-0102	\$60,000
Programming 6601-0105	\$20,000
University Affairs 6601-0112	\$2,000
Community Affairs 6601-0106	\$4,000
Internal Affairs 6601-0107	\$2,000
Budget-Finance 6601-0108	\$121,000
Scholarships 6601-0109	\$36,000
Legislative Affairs 6601-0110	\$18,000
Travel 6601-0111	\$7,000
Travel and Registration Grants 6601-0302	\$132,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$611,407

Breakdown by Category

Operations 6210-0101	
Program Coordinator (0.5 Student Involvement)	\$18,630
Employee Benefits	\$8,943
Tuition Waivers (2 assistants)	\$21,260
Graduate Assistants	\$72,662
College Representatives	\$19,552
Senators	\$36,000
Office Assistants	\$17,360
Office Supplies	\$500
CUB Room Rentals	\$2,000
Copy & Printing	\$2,000
MISC (e.g., zoom calling, pikto chart, etc)	\$1,000
Total Budget	\$199,907



Attachment 2 (continued...). 2019–2020 Proposed Budget.

Budget & Finance 6601-0108	
Affiliate Funding	\$30,000
Children's Center	\$75,000
Senate Food for Pullman Senators	\$6,000
Snacks and Programming for R&E Senators	\$800
Senator Orientation Dinner	\$1,200
Sponsorships	\$8,000
Total Budget	\$121,000
Scholarships 6601-0109	
Scholarships (Academic Showcase)	\$12,000
Dissertation Grants	\$20,000
Excellence Awards Lunch/Dinner	\$4,000
Total Budget	\$36,000
Legislative Affairs 6601-0110	
Coug Day	\$4,000
NAGPS - FALL AND SPRING LAD	\$10,000
Olympia Advocacy Housing	\$3,000
WSA	\$1,000
Total Budget	\$18,000
Travel 6601-0111	
SGC	\$3,000
NAGPS	\$4,000
Total Budget	\$7,000
Travel & Registration Grants 6601-0302	
July	\$10,000.00
August	\$24,000.00
September	\$8,000.00
October	\$12,000.00
November	\$16,000.00
December	\$4,000.00
January	\$11,000.00
February	\$4,000.00
March	\$11,000.00
April	\$8,000.00
May	\$9,000.00
June	\$10,000.00
Miscellaneous: Zoom	\$5,000.00
Total Budget	\$132,000
University Affairs 6601-0112	
Misc	\$2,000.00
Total Budget	\$2,000