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Here's the agenda:

- 05:30 | Call to Order
 - ☞ History
 - Marwa Aly: Let's first discuss the GPSA History.
 - 1971: Board of Regents approved that the Graduate Student Association be recognized as a separate entity from ASWSU
 - 1971: GSA proposed a decreased Athletic Fee for grad students due to time constraints and low participation
 - Mid 1980s: GPSA developed TA training workshop
 - 1986: NAGPS (national association of graduate-professional students) was established on the WSU Pullman campus
 - 1988: Established the Student Health Advisory Council to be more involved in health insurance decision
 - 1989: First grad student Research Expo
 - 1990: GPSA Day observed at WSU
 - 1994: Graduate student health insurance coverage by WSU as introduced by GPSA
 - 1996: GPSA Study Center in Library
 - 1997: Affiliate funding provided to g-p RSOs
 - 1999: President urged the importance of having GPSA Representation at all WSU campus including Tri-Cities, Spokane, and Vancouver



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- 1999: Held first GPSA/OGRD (Office of Grant and Research Development) Grant Writing Workshop
- 2003: Created all grad-prof student list service
- 2005: Created first winter social
- 2006: Created a Legislative Liaison to work with WSA & create legislative agenda
- 2006: Created Athletics committee to purchase tickets
- 2008: Evening Childcare Subsidy introduced; PD Grant for research funding: up to \$3,000 per student
- 2015: GPSA secured Graduate Student Insurance
- 2016: The PDI begins through a partnership with the Graduate School and the Office of the President; GPSA partners with the WSU Showcase to begin the Research Exposition
- 2017: Resolution in Support of Undocumented and Non-Citizen WSU Students, and Resolution in Condemnation of White Supremacy and Neo-Nazism
- 2018: Resolution of Indigenous People's Day Proclamation published; Advocacy to preserve Student Stipends; Initiated the Senator SEED Grant
- 2019: Partnership with WSU Childcare Center for long-term Evening Childcare Program finalized; Resolution to Urge Prosecutor Denis Tracy to Retry Hargraves and Joint Resolution to add "Citizenship and Immigration Status" to EP15 are passed; Expanded Scholarship funding program
- 2020: Dissertation Grants program initiated
- 2021: Approval of the Graduate Student Bill of Rights
- 2022: After-school program initiated.
- 2023: ITA and language exams policy change.
- 2024: Pass the food pantry referendum.
- 2024: Increased the mandatory fees for transportation.

☞ GPSA Vision & Mission

- The Graduate and Professional Students Association (GPSA) is the representative body for graduate and professional students at Washington State University. According to the enrollment data, GPSA serves around 14% of WSU students` community¹
- The primary role of GPSA is to provide academic and professional support services and programs. Through active participation and membership in numerous university committees and organizations, the GPSA provides graduate and professional students with representation and a forum to address student needs.
- GPSA strives to support WSU's graduate and professional students academically, financially, and experientially.



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- Instill a culture of community and service.
- Improve transparency and institutional memory to lay the foundation for future GPSA boards and work.
- To advocate not only for professional life but also personal lives of graduate and professional students.
- To work towards more engagement with senators and graduate and professional students broadly, with the goal of strengthening an atmosphere of shared trust and safety between students and student-leaders.

☞ GPSA Structure

- **Marwa Aly:** Everyone of you are leaders. So, GPSA leaders are not The officers only are not the chairs of the committees only, but every senator in GPSA is a leader. The structure of the GPSA we have Matt Shaw, he is our associate director, Mat. Say, Hi! So! As I mentioned before, the senators are the core for GPSA, You come from your departments, you represent your departments. So you bring the issues to GPSA, and the Executive Board with their chairs. They help you to raise these issues. They help you to connect with the Admins. They help you to resolve their concerns. Okay, so GPSA structure is a senators and each Senator should serve in GPSA committee. So we have committee chairs, and in a minute I will ask each committee chair to give a brief description about their committee's duties and then we have the executive officers, the VPLA, the resident of GPSA, and the VP, and plus all of this we are working with the graduate school, Dr. Tammy Berry, and she helps us a lot. And the student involvement to process our payments and financial services.

☞ GPSA Committees

- **Ajay Barman:** Hello, everyone. My name is Ajay Barman, and I'm the president of Graduate and Professional Student Association and welcome to the academic year 2024 and 25. And as Marwa was mentioning, you are the Senator, and you are on the top of our structure because you are the representative from your department and GPSA for the GPSA we advocate for the students like for their socially, academically, professionally. But you are the people who bring the issues to us and we need to know what issues to work for. If, as a President executive board, if they get the chance to meet with our admin, but if they don't know what is going on in the university, they cannot advocate for us. I cannot advocate, and at the end the GPSA will ultimately fail. So it's up to you the department you are representing. Talk with your department peer. If there is an issue. This is the interdisciplinary communication platform that we created, that to know what is going on in the university, what is going on in your department. So that's why you were on the top and you are representing all the graduate and professional students. So the more information we will bring in our GPSA, the more actively, we will be able to work. So that's why it's the teamwork. GPSA cannot run by one person. It's a team effort. So that's why more, we will work as a team we will be. We will be achieving like greater things in our upcoming



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year. So from bottom of my heart, thank you for deciding to join GPSA, and thanks to you that you took the responsibility to advocate for your department peers. It's really important for the person who is willing to do the job, and you are that person who chosen from your department to represent them.

- **Marwa Aly:** So I am here to talk about the Budget Committee. So in the Budget Committee we are track the tracking the budget for the RSOs, the registered organizations that received fund affiliating funding from GPSA. We have 2 rounds of the fall and the spring to fund them. We open the applications. We review the applications. We also receive requests like special requests from them. We handle the budget, we overseas a budget for the year for all the committees. We also plan for the budget for next year. So in February we should plan. We should prepare our presentation and present to the SNA Committee. What is the request for us for next year? How much do we need for the next year in order to fund the GPSA for the next year. So that's a briefly about budget committee. If you like numbers, if you like to track the budget. If you like to oversee the budget, please consider to join the Budget Committee.
- **Tathagata Pal:** So I am Tathagata PAL, and I go by, PAL, and I'm the VP of legislative affairs for GPSA, and I'm also the chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee. 1st of all, I'm so sorry for not being able to be with you guys in person. I apologize. I apologize for that and welcome to GPSA. So what my committee does is we do a lot of advocacy work, not just at the university level. But, starting from the university level, we work at the city level, at the state level, and even at the Federal level, to advocate for graduate and professional students in WSU, Pullman. So if you are interested to advocate for your peers, or if you are willing to work on their behalf, travel to Olympia like. Go to like, join us for the cook day and talk with legislators, talk with the Congressmen. Then please do sign up for the Legislative Affairs Committee. So I believe we all will be given like a form, some kind of form where you'll be asked to like enter your choice like first, second, and 3rd choices for the GPSA committees. Please. Consider joining Affairs Committee. We like you might have to do a little bit of travel, but if you like traveling, if you like, advocating for other for your peers and your colleagues. This is the perfect committee for you to join. Please reach out to gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu. If you have any question whatsoever regarding the specific committee, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you so much. And really, really looking forward to working with you all during this semester.
- **Augustine Attah:** Hi! Everybody welcome, big welcome to the new folks joining GPSA. I'm Augustine and I'm the current representative for the College of Veterinary Medicine. And I'm also the chair for travel, Grant. It's my second year doing this. If I haven't mentioned that and we'll be happy to have anyone who's interested in travel grants registration grants to join and senators are very pivotal to the process you help to score applications. And the application process is way simpler this time around. So 2 years ago we



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had senators who had to subjectively score applications. So we had essays in there. But we no longer require applicants to write essays. And also it's a very chilled process, and if you would like to also improve the travel grant process. I encourage you to join the Travel Grants Committee. Thank you.

- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** I'm representative of College of Education and I'm the chair of University and Student Affairs. If you are interested in communicating with the university committees, please join this committee. We have more than 40 different university committees, for which we introduce representatives and we reach out to them to make sure everything is good, and if they need anything from us. We'll do our best to provided. Please let me know if you have any questions via email, I will type it there.
- **Madison Honig:** I'm the chair of community affairs. So my committee is really focused on being the liaison between the graduate and professional student community and the larger community that we're in Pullman and Moscow. And so we organize a lot of events and do a lot of advocacy work. So some of the events we do is a large food can drive that requires a lot of volunteering and organizing. We do things like a park cleanup. We've done an invasive weeding party. And yeah, so we do a lot of event planning. But we're also focused on finding solutions for some key advocacy points. So we work on things like community safety, sustainability, food security and transportation. So if you're interested in any of those things, you might be a good fit for community affairs. We also have the Food Security Committee that is specifically addressing issues of food security in the graduate student community. There'll be more information about that and subsequent meetings. But, thank you.
- **Md Redwan Ahmed Khan:** I am PhD. Candidate at the Department of Biological Systems Engineering, and I'm college reps of College of Agricultural Humans and natural resources and I'm Programming Committee chair right now. So programming committee actually works to improve the sense of a community around in campus and around the our surrounding. So basically, if you think about the graduate students. We are always most of the time we stress about the research coursework and things. This committee, this committee actually works for relieving the graduate students with some suicidal and fun events. And I think you some of you know already, like we have organized some already with this committee the ice cream social welcome back barbecue. And today we had another event like which is open our our coffee house. So open coffee hour, and we have another event in the coming Saturday is the welcome back hike. Then we have the restaurant Friday, and so on. This kind of fun. Events like, I think if you want to all want to get relieved with some kind of fun organizing activity, please. I think you all might be. Think of joining the programming committee. Thank you all.
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud:** I'm the college rep representative of Voiland College of College, of Engineering and Architecture, and also the chair of the Professional Development Initiative Committee. So the GPSA PDI is a committee that is jointly organized by GPSA and the graduate school. So, in



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our committee we have 2 parts. 1, 1 part is GPSA, which consist of me as a chair, Ajay, as a president, and you guys as a senators, and we also have graduate assistant from graduate school, and then one of the advisor, Raymond, who is as provost for the graduate school. So our job is to organize different kinds of events that will help you to grow academically and professionally. For example, you'll be getting a lot of emails from us regarding different types of events like formatting your theses, professional headshot, how to write your Cv. How to use Linkedin, and so on. So, if you are interested working in this domain. Organize these events, host. These events please reach out to me and consider to join in the PDI team and I hope you all will have a great rest of the semester. Thank you.

- **Joseph Akowuah:** I'm chair of our team Scholarships Committee, this semester and this academic year we would be reviewing applications for dissertation grants and also help to organize a research expo, as well as the excellence awards for dissertation grants. If you, if you are interested in helping review application for fellow students who are writing their dissertation and needs some financial support to collect data or do anything about the research process. I welcome you to join the citation. Grant. One thing that you might likely benefit from is Grant. Writing is a very important skill that is very, very difficult to learn, and by being part of awards and scholarships, you would probably be able to learn how some students approach grant writing, and you can add that to your grant writing process in the future and help increase your octaves. Professional development as well, we would be organizing a research expo. I invite anyone who is interested in bringing out the research potential of Washington State University Research Expo is basically helping out helping to showcase our research potential and then rewarding the the best and quality research amongst us. So I invite anyone to help with that, and I will be organizing excellence awards as well. We want to award graduate students and faculty members who are supporting graduate students, graduate students who are doing the best they can to also shape Washington State University's graduate research image. And I invite you all to come. Not everyone, but anyone who is interested in awards and scholarship that can help with this process as well. That will be fun. Thank you very much.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** I am our chair for our communications team our primary goal and responsibilities maintaining communication within GPSA and to the university at large. So some of the big responsibilities of our group is primarily one keeping meeting minutes. We want to keep detailed meeting minutes. I have a system in play, because this can be very like overwhelming. But I have a system in place that makes it a lot easier. The second big thing we ultimately do is handle our social media page. So if you're interested in communication, I would really hop, encourage people who have the dankest of memes to ultimately join the group, because my big goal this year is really to promote more social media engagement. But we also work on internal university communication with developing slate email announcements to



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promote programming events and other events, such as PDI and things like the research expos and as well as we also work on our website earlier this over the summer. I will bring this up. Because it was mentioned in the chat. There was an update that emerged with the Wsu Gpsa website which erased a lot of the material and kind of backtracked some of the previous stuff. So I've been actively re updating the website to bring it up back up to speed and updated. So one of the big things that our committee will be doing is going through the website again and trying to find and figure out where what needs to be re updated as well as what other potential resources that we can provide to graduate students in particular, my big goal this year is providing pedagogical and teaching resources for graduate students who would like to become more effective instructors. And finally, we also work with other internal communication. Not just university, but student run communication. Primarily, KUGR, I'm working actually on a show that GPSA will try to be hope hosting through the radio station cable 8, and with the Daily Evergreen. So join communications.

- **Nazua Idris:** So I'm a PhD. Candidate in English, and I was a Senator for 2 years, and representing English Department. But this year I have joined GPSA as a college representative for the graduate school and I'm also the chair for the Internal Affairs Committee, and it's a lot of pressure. Advertising my committee after you know all the amazing committees that you have heard about like traveling, programming, community affairs, scholarships and stuff. But trust me, we also do a lot of important work. So internal affairs committee, work, basically requires the members to go through the bylaws and if there are like issues with the bylaws that needs to be changed. Revised? You kind of suggest those revisions. You also work closely with the chair of the Internet Affairs Committee. If for the elections, special elections. So if you are interested in this kind of work like how to run an organization, how to nominate people and how to run an election, and you know how to go over the bylaws and constitutions. Then please join my committee. You're most welcome. Yeah. I think I will be carrying on the next few slides.

☞ Programs and Services

- **Nazua Idris:** So I will be talking a little bit about the programming, and you have already heard about those from my colleagues. So one of the important things that you need to know is the study center. How many of you have been to the GPSA lounge in the library? Awesome, so yeah, that's a really great place for studying for group studying. And you probably I haven't been there for a while, but I think they still have those couches and blankets. So for sleeping as well. So then, you have heard from Sajid about the Professional development initiative. So we do a lot of like the PDI committee, does a lot of workshops for you. So even though, like the workshops, are all set up, if you have any ideas, you can also share with such a, and you can kind of work with him. And then you have also heard from Marwa that GPSA also does like childcare programs. So please. Marwa is usually in charge of that. So you can kind of talk to her about this if you're interested. and then you have also



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heard about research expo. So what happened is happens is like GPSA collaborates with a graduate school to organize a research Expo, where you can present your work, and I believe there is also a competition where you can kind of win prizes for your presentations and projects. and then you have heard the travel grants, which is also a great thing. Because, you know, our departmental grants are really limited and often competitive. So GPSA provides travel grants for airfare for going to conferences. Registration membership fees and also sometimes like gas prices for your cars. So please get in touch with the committee chair. If you have questions about travel grants, and then GPS also gives, like excellence awards in various categories to celebrate the work that all the graduate and professional students do. And these happens in spring. So you will get an email about like nominating yourself or a colleague. You can also nominate your professors for excellent awards. So that's something that GPSA does, and also we offer dissertation grants. So you have heard from Marwa that you will receive like \$500 per person each semester, as dissertation grants. Usually, I think, the priority is given to the people who have passed their prelims and then and also GPSA provides funding to the registered organizations. Who are RSOs. So if you are part of any RSO. Or if you, your department has. RSOs. Please let them know that we provide funding so that they reach out to us, and there will be soon a call for funding applications. So please keep an eye out for that and you have heard from red one that GPSA does a lot of fun stuff like ice cream social, and this morning we had like coffee. Hour, which was great like people came, had coffee pastries, and we talked so much. So it's a great opportunity to kind of make new friends networking, and, you know, unwind a little bit. It is. You know I was crazy. Crazy. Schedule and then also, you will receive, like emails about, like all the monthly GPSA programming activities. And then we also do like a lot of social activities and welcome back hike is happening and you can kind of contact with one if you are interested, especially if you need a ride to go to that hike. You have to like register for that. Okay, if anyone can share right, please let red one. That will be a great service.

- 06:00 | Breaks
 - ☞ 15-minute Break
 - ☞ 15-min Ice Breakers
- 6:30 | Duties
- 7:10 | Senate Meeting Structure
 - ☞ Purpose
 - What does the GPSA Senate Do?
 - Senators are the voice for their respective departments in the Senate
 - Senators primarily represent their departmental colleagues (~1:79 ratio)
 - Exception for at-large Senators who represent their college colleagues
 - Has legislative authority on most general matters that affect GPSA



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such as annual budget, constitution and bylaws decision, senator appointment numbers, GPSA evening childcare policy, improve GPSA grant procedures.

- Work with university matters - letters of support, MOUs
 - Elson S. Floyd Honorary Degree - letter of support
 - Make decisions related to fees
 - Ex: voted no to Chinook Student Center Fee \$99/semester; Spring 2015 voted
 - Approved Transportation Fee Increase, Spring 2018
- Act as an advisory and serve the student body on any matter that may affect graduate and professional students such as transportation planning and health care.
- Has the responsibility to recommend potential university policies related to graduate & professional students
 - Residual tuition policy, GPSA worked with the administration to remove this from our fees. Saved our graduate students \$173 per semester
- Senate Duties
 - Communicate with appropriate constituent group
 - Encourage their colleagues to identify new issues of importance to GPSA and bring these issues to Senate
 - Serve on one GPSA committee and attend all Committee meetings
 - Consider serving on one university committee
 - The opportunity to represent ALL graduate & professional students and learn more about what's going on at the university
- Before Senate Meetings Senators Should:
 - Check emails
 - Read the agenda materials
 - Present the issues on the senate agenda to YOUR colleagues at their department meeting and solicit input
 - Be prepared to ask questions and participate in discussion
- How to get an item on the Agenda:
 - A senator may submit the item to the VP/Senate Chair
 - Wednesday before Senate meeting
 - A senator may raise an issue with the relevant GPSA Committee
- Executive Board Duties
 - Same duties as Senator
 - Attend weekly executive meetings
 - File executive board reports before senate meeting
 - Chair their respective committee



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- Serve on at least 1 university committee
- Keep updated transition documents
- Keep track and update their committee budgets

Executive board duties

- **Nazua Idris:** So we will talk more about the Senate meetings like during the 1st Senate meeting. I'll just quickly go over some of the important parts. So as Marwa already explained, all the duties of Senator. I would just like to emphasize that. What are the expectations from the senators? So the 1st expectation is definitely be enthusiastic about what you are doing like being here on time staying the entire time, and then, you know you will see that whenever we are having meeting and we are voting on some issues, then you kind of have to discuss and share your opinions about those issues. So we'll talk about the rule rules about that, and also be enthusiastic about the committee work that you will do because you will be joining different committees, and you will be doing a lot of work there. So just be enthusiastic about whatever you do, and trust me like. If you are more proactive, more enthusiastic. You will feel more connected to the community, and it will also, like help you build your professional and you know, personal and academic skills and also be kind to each other and also to yourself. because we are all graduate and professional students having our own life and tons of issues. And you know lots of duties. So it's okay to let us know if you are unable to, you know, attend a meeting. As Marwa also said, that there will be case by case basis, where you may have to attend digitally. but the best way is to, as I mentioned, like, be kind to yourself and to others just like respond to the emails in a timely manner, and always be in contact with Marwa. She's the chair for the Senate Committee, and also be in contact with the committees like the chair of the committees you are working with. That makes things easier for you and also for them. And please let them know like, if we're unable to join a meeting or carry out a task ahead of time, so they can make you know. arrangements for that. And it's okay to make mistakes. Every one of us makes mistakes. So please, as Marwa said, because I kept telling her that I'm sorry for asking you stupid questions because I joined, just joined the IAC and I have tons of questions for her all the time, and I'm really ashamed of that. But Ajay and Marwa, both of them have been very helpful because I have been asking tons of questions, and they're they have been very patient with me. So that's the culture we want to cultivate here like being patient and being kind to each other, listen to each other, which is very important, and also listening to each other, means listening to the people in your department, too, because you have already seen that. All of you are required to like all of you are, you know, connecting GPSA with your individual departments, so it will be great like if we all can, you know. Listen to the people that we work with our colleagues and bring their concerns here. Even like, when I was a senator, I used to like, just listen like, not formally. Just listen that somebody is discussing something I would like. Put that on the agenda if it's relevant, and if GPSA can do something about it. So it's a great



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way to, you know, help ourselves and help our colleagues. So that's a great platform to do that. If you proactively listen, if you are enthusiastic about what you are doing, and if you are kind to yourself and to your colleagues. And the other thing is, this is about, you know, the tree is like a family tree. So yeah. all like a family, and also, I know, like all the graduate and professional students are part of GPSA, but not all of them can come and sit here, and you know, talk so you like all of we are kind of representing them. So, we are family within GPSA and outside of GPSA as WSU as a family. So, I think, like keeping that in mind, like helping another family member is really, really, really important. So, like all these things like being enthusiastic and proactive and being kind to each other and ourselves. Hopefully, we will be able to achieve the goals that we will set. We have set for this year. so again, like, we're talking about this again and again, the purpose of these meetings will be to, you know, conduct business and making decisions about the issues that concern our lives. As graduate and professional students. And as you have seen that GPSA has programs that also concerns your family's life, too. For example, like the childcare policy that is affecting your family to food pantry that is affecting your family, too. So, you know, like you can see, like, how much important the work is, and like your passion, dedication and motivation, can make things way better. Right? and I. We have been talking about this, and I would again like shout out to Madison like she was so passionate about like the food pantry and food security issue that the referendum got passed. So, this is something like we have to learn from each other. That being passionate makes the change. So, we all hope that you are here because you're passionate about like your colleagues and your own lives, too, and it matters so much like as a senator. You can make so many differences. So, I cannot emphasize this more. And also, again, like discuss debate. Engage. I'm not going through all this slide because we will talk about that next semester. So, this is what happens when you come to a meeting like there will be issues. You have to vote on them. You have to discuss those or engage with those issues. And it's funny because we had, like a speaker yesterday at our Executive Board training, and we were asking them like, what is the difference between discuss and debate? And he said, there is no difference, basically. So, these are alternative words. And also, as I've already mentioned that being respectful and being kind to each other is very important. So, like, however, you feel about an issue, raise your voice, but also, like be polite, professional, respectful to each other, patient and positive. And I really liked what Marwa said about like her kids like being in a car and being in Pullman. So, things can be different things from different perspectives. But if we carefully, patiently listen to each other, that will make all the difference. so we hope that we will see that here and again, like you will vote on things, and then you will make resolutions. You will make you know, institute new policies like we will make them all together or revise things, and you will see those in the upcoming meetings. And also, one of the purposes of for being here is also to learn. So GPSA is not about like only voting and being here, but also about your own professional and academic



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development, and there will be a lot of speakers here. Who will be here. We'll be talking about the university policies and stuff like that, and trust me, I got a lot of ideas. And I mean, I initiated several programs. After coming here as the GPSA Senator, I learned what people are saying what their needs are and things like that. So, it's really important that you listen to the people, you know, like what's going on at the University and Constitution and bylaws. I'm not going to bore you with all these things today. You will be bored next meeting, so we'll talk about the bylaws next time. Okay, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

∅ Requirement for attendance

- Attend all senate meetings and assigned GPSA committee functions. View Handbook, Appendix C.

∅ Robert's Rules & Voting

- Mock Vote on "Is Pineapple a pizza topping?" to understand the flow of Robert's Rules & Voting.
- **Ajay Barman:** I want to make a motion that GPSA should formally accept pineapple is a pizza topping.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** I, Andrew Sutherland, enthusiastically. Second.
- **Marwa Aly:** I will move to debate.
- **Madison Honig:** I am from the Anthropology Department, but I'm also the chair of community affairs. So I urge the Senate to consider that although the pineapple is an unusual topping. It is a fruit. You know what else is a fruit? A tomato and tomatoes are regularly on pizza and as a Canadian I can vote that this is a pizza topping, because Canada was the place that they invented this. So I'm convincing the Senate that we should vote. Yes.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** So there's a difference between tomato and pineapple. Pineapple is usually eaten straightforward, raw. When you are making pizza you have to cook it cooking the pineapple straight away. It breaks down all the important vitals, vitamins and nutrients that you're going to get from the pineapple, anyway, and so adding pineapple as the top into pizza is a no, no, a complete, no, no, and I don't think we should accept this at all.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** I've asked myself over time what pineapple is doing on a pizza. Well, that's a question for me, though. But then, from another perspective, these 2 things belong to different food or glass of food. Why, one is a fruit. The order should be a food and so, whereas it is not out of place to eat pineapple after pizza, but it is odd to have a fruit like pineapple that has so much. What do you call that acid on a pizza for kind of loud. This should not have a place and a pizza. They belong to 2 different schools of thought, and as such they should be treated as such. Thank you.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** My name is Andrew, Andrew Sutherland from the Murrow College of Communication and beyond that I'm also a simple man who loves freedom and reading. The question is, pineapple a pizza topping. We also have to consider the opposite. What shouldn't be a pizza topping a vote for no would basically, in other words, take away the choices of our



fellow graduate students to decide what should be on a pineapple pizza. Matter of fact, I want to point out something, my esteemed colleague pointed out that pineapple is pretty acidic. you know. What else is acidic tomatoes which does go on pizza. So the reality is a vote. Yes, is not just a support for choosing pineapple on pizza, but also a choice to allowing graduate students, professional students, and WSU as a whole to decide what they want on their pizza.

- **Charles Google:** My name is Charles Google. I am a Senator representing the College of Veterinary Medicine. I would like to mention that I like Pisa as a person, and I have eaten different varieties of it and I must confess that the one that has pineapple on it. I have always found that as my favorite. Yeah. But with respect to this ongoing debate as to whether pineapple should be classified as a pizza token or not. I think I'm not sure. I'm not sure whether to say yes or to say no, so I think I'm going to stay in the middle. I wouldn't want to vote on this. I wouldn't want to take a position on this decision.
- **Supriya:** I'm Supriya. I'm the Senator for biological systems engineering. My Italian friends will hate me for this, but I love pineapple on my pizza so because when you have Jalapenos and other toppings, it just cuts the heat. And I love that. Yeah.
- **Md Redwan Ahmed Khan:** This is Redwan. I'm a co-resident of CAHNRS and the programming chair. So I love pineapple on my pizza, because, like basically, we have food for 2 reason, like I think I didn't test it. The acidic thing. But I we love. We have food for the our satisfaction we want of our stomach feed so, and we won the testify. So instead of putting's, I feel like tomatoes, jalapenos and I always I always find the pineapple pizza is tasty, and I want to share another things. I was working still. I am working with 2 different organizations as well and whenever I got a chance to order the food. I always order pineapple, pizza, irrespective of whatever, because I love ordering. I love having pineapple pizza, and if I am the person who is ordering pizza. Then everyone have to also consider this interest.
- **Marwa Aly:** We will then move to vote by voices.
 - Vote: Is Pineapple a Pizza Topping?
 - Yay: 27
 - Nay: 13
 - Abstain: 3
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a 2/3rd majority and the motion carried.
- **Purpose of Robert's Riles & Voting**
 - This is a deliberative body; we have to be able to make decisions and take action.
 - We do that through RESPECTFUL discussion, informed debate, informal conversation, and lastly, parliamentary procedures.
 - Every discussion should be evaluated first by whether or not it fulfills the purpose of GPSA. Ask "Does this comment/debate/action improve the quality of the grad/prof education and student life at WSU?"



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- 7:30 PM | Adjournment

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GPSA Executive Board Reports

If you need clarification or have any questions, please get in touch with the corresponding individual.

President and Executive Board Chair– Ajay Barman; presgpsa@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- Plan and conduct biweekly executive board meeting
- Plan and conduct weekly executive team meeting
- Travel grant application review
- Plan executive board retreat
- Tabling for Graduate School meet and greet
- Purchase swags
- Represented GPSA at WSU convocation
- Volunteered during GPSA week of welcome events
- Hiring GPSA office Assistant
- Meeting with ASWSU leadership

Meeting attended:

- Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Meeting with Associate Vice-chancellor
- Meeting with Interim Vice- Chancellor
- Meeting with WSU Transportation team
- In-person SGC meeting at WSU Tri-cities
- Meeting with ASWSU DOLA
- Special meeting with WSU Transportation
- Transition meeting with IAC chair

Executive Vice President and Budget Chair– Marwa Aly; vpgpsa@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- Wrap up the budget for 2023-2024.
- Structure suggested budget for 2024-2025.
- Travel grant summer applications.
- Summer day camp program.



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- Enrollments for the after-school program.
- Facilitate purchases/ Purchase swags.
- GPSA presentation to the international student
- Prepare senate orientation.
- Schedule Fall senate meetings
- Tabling for Graduate School meet and greet
- Hiring GPSA office Assistant

Meeting Attended

- Weekly GPSA executive meeting
- SGC meeting
- Budget meetings
- Transportation/ASWSU/GPSA
- Transition meeting with Internal affairs chair

Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Chair of Legislative Affairs– Tathagata Pal;
gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- At the City level, working with WSU TAG to get the Figure-8 bus route
- At the State level, working on a budget proviso to create a taskforce for childcare support survey
- At the State level, working on a bill to incorporate graduate and professional students for WCC work exemption
- At the University level, I am also working with the WSU government relations office to lobby better for students both in Federal and State level
- Tabling for Graduate School meet and greet
- Travel grant application review
- Attended summer legislative advocacy camp organized by Washington Student Association (WSA).

Meeting Attended:

- Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Meeting with Connor Haggerty (WSU State Government Relations)
- Meeting with District 9 Representative Joe Schimck



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- Meeting with Pullman city council member Carla de Lira
- Meeting with WSU Student Affairs AVC
- SGC legislative affairs meetings
- Meeting with Pullman interim chancellor Dave Cilay
- Meeting with WA representative Rep. Nance

Chair of Internal Affairs– Nazua Idris; gpsa.internal@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- No Update (Senators for all positions were filled up in Spring 2024; didn't require a call for Summer Open Applications)

Meeting attended:

- Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Introductory Meeting w/ Ajay and Marwa (IAC Responsibilities)
- Introductory Meeting w/ Marwa (Fall 2024 Orientation)

Chair of Communications- Andrew David Sutherland; gpsa.communications@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- GPSA Website Updates for Travel Grants
- Headshot updates for Executive Team
- Developed PDI Advertisements for the Fall 2024 Semester
- Monthly Slate Announcements for Travel Grants
- GPSA Welcome Week Social Media Posts and Slate Announcement
- Collecting teaching resources for students.
- Lauren's Lap Social Media Promotion/Slate Announcements/Daily Evergreen Developed

Meeting attended:

- Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting



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Chair of Professional Development Initiative–Sajjad Uddin Mahmud; gpsa.pd@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed (in coordination with PDI GA):

- Distribution of Grammarly account for Fall 2024
- Planning and scheduling of PDI Fall 2024 events
- Participated at Graduate Student Meet and Greet

Meeting attended:

- Weekly GPSA executive meeting
- Weekly PDI executive meeting

Chair of Awards & Scholarship- Joseph Akowuah at gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Investigation in possible changes in the process of applications and the procedure of events
- Budget allocation and preparation for expenses
- Timeline estimation of opening and closing the applications
- Ask other graduate students about possible changes in rubrics to be more inclusive.

Meetings attended:

- Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- One-time meeting with former chair of A&S

Chair Programming - Md. Redwan Ahmad Khan; gpsa.programming@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Clearly outline GPSA Programming Committee Goals for the 2024-2025 Academic School year and devise a plan to accomplish these goals. see in the upcoming year to ensure increased student involvement.
- Plan GPSA **Welcome Back Week** (8/19/24 – 09/06/24).
 - Plan 5 separate events for the second week of Fall 2024 semester to increase student knowledge of and participation in GPSA. Events are as follows: **Ice Cream Social** (Tuesday, 08/20/24), **Welcome Back BBQ** (Thursday, 08/22/24), **Coffee Hours** (Monday, 08/26/2024), **Welcome Back Hike** (Saturday, 08/31/24), **Fall 2023's first Restaurant Friday** at Mela Bangladeshi Cuisine (Friday, 9/06/24).
 - Ensure all necessary paperwork is filed for each event including but not limited to: Room/Venue reservation, Event Registration, Drink/food Catering, Equipment reservation, Sign in attendance plan and Agenda for volunteer(s).
 - Design necessary advertisements: Posters/Flyers, CUB Flush Flash, CUB



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electronic monitor, GPSA website, social media post, Friday Focus, ext.



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- Coordinate with the Chair of Communications for advertisement of future events. Coordinate with the Vice President in monitoring the use of funds designated for graduate and professional student programming purposes, update budget when necessary.
- Begin planning staple events for Fall 2024, including but not limited to: Restaurant Fridays, Friendsgiving, Soccer Tournament, Bowling Nights.

Meeting attended:

- Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Numerous planning meetings for welcome week with necessary participants.

Chair of University Affairs- Golrokh (Rose) Maleki; gpsa.university@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Updating the university committees
- Reaching out to the Veteran's office to have the list of their graduate students
- Lentil Festival
- Ice-cream Social
- GPSA BBQ

Meeting attended:

None

Chair of Community Affairs- Madison Hönig gpsa.community@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Ordered stickers for upcoming events
- Registered and coordinated GPSA participation in National Lentil Fest Parade
- Registered and organized GPSA participation in the All-Campus Resource Picnic
- Coordinating upcoming support for SNAP Gap Challenge with Merri Lecoq
- Reached out to Phoenix Conservancy for upcoming collaboration.
- Planning for Fall Food Drive

Meeting attended:

- Attended College Hill Matters Meeting
- Attended Bi-weekly GPSA Executive Board Meetings
- Attended brief meeting with Allison Munch Rotolo, College Hill Association Chair



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Chair Travel Grant: Augustine Triumph Attah, gpsa.grants@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Completed July Travel applications
- Improved grant interface
- Assisted applicants with technical issues on grant interface
- Daily management of correspondence i.e., calls and emails with students, faculty and staff.

Meetings attended:

- Pullman Police Advisory Committee
- Biweekly Executive Board meeting