



**GPSA Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2024, | in person | 5:30 PM**

**To attend in person:**

The junior ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at the CUB.

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**Here's the agenda:**

- 05:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Last Meeting` Minutes  
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**Hannah Martin:** I motion to approve the 3/18/2024 meeting minutes.
  - **Nazua Idris:** Second
  - Motion of 3/18/2024 meeting minter:
    - Yes: 44
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.
- Approval of the Agenda  
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- 05:35 | Guest speakers
- **Devin Grabner:** Hi, everybody! I'm Devin Grabner. I'm a grad student in the physics department. I'd like to introduce to you our speaker for tomorrow's PDI event, Dr. Giltner and his talk tomorrow will be on how to network when you hate networking. So, there you go.
- **Dr. David Giltner:** Great! Thank you very much, Devin. Thanks for the introduction, thanks to all of you. Well, I guess you had to be here because there's a meeting, but it's great to talk to you. So, let's see, what should we talk about today? I'm curious who's in the audience first. So, I'm a scientist by training. But I and I do a lot of work teaching scientists how to go work in the private sector. But I'm curious, first, what some of the disciplines are that are representatives as to who is also a scientist who considers himself a scientist. Okay, handful, any engineers, any business? How about humanities? I know that's broad and any other division. I don't know how you split them apart here that I haven't covered yet social science. Okay, I would consider that science. But I know a different perspective. Awesome social science, who are social scientists? Okay, excellent and how about this? So, who's working on their masters? Who's planning a masters? Okay? And how about PH.D. Okay, most of the group is Ph.D. Not that that's really all that relevant, either. How about this? Who's planning to work in academia for a career. You want to be a professor, some academic career. Okay? Who wants to work at a national lab, something public sector, and who wants to work in industry or thinks that you'll probably work in industry. Okay, anyone still trying to figure it out? That's great. I noticed you raise your hand quickly. That's like, yes, just still trying to figure it out. So, I'm curious what? So, let's talk about industry, because that's what I understand the most. And that's what I talk about. Those of you who are considering industry or planning to go to industry and especially the PhD's because I think we, you know, spend so much time in academia. Sometimes we have the biggest challenges. I'm curious. What do you hear about being a Ph.D. And going out and getting a job in industry, any perspectives, any problems. Think it's great. You're not sure. Yeah, too niche. Not like your work is too niche to do that yeah, specialized. So maybe you might be too specialized to go work in industry. Yeah, that's an interesting question. Does anyone ever worry or hear rumors? That am I overqualified? Did anyone ever hear that you had something? What at that? Okay, that's great for any career and anything you do. It's about who you know not just what you know. That is really true, and I would say it's absolutely true, for you know, at any level the knowledge that you gain is valuable. But it's who, you know. That's important. But it's also what you can do, which is a different thing. So, a lot of us we get to the end of again. I think it's the worst for the Ph. Ds. Just because we spend more time in graduate school working on this at the end of it we feel we've learned a lot of niche information. It's very specialized, a lot of stuff. And then we think, **how am I going to use that in my career I spend all this time learning it. Is it going to help me?** And the truth is that's not. That's that may or may not help you. But that's not usually your greatest strength. If you're worried about that, that's not your biggest strength. Your biggest strength is how you got to that point, how you learned all that niche information the fact that you might have managed a project. And you're an independent learner. And you and you did all these things. That is your biggest strength. It's not about, all that niche knowledge that you learned a lot of the specialized information I learned. So, I'm a physicist



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by training. I did a project where I did a precision test of special relativity, and I also built an Adam interferometer, demonstrating the way of nature, of matter. You don't need to know what that means, but the truth is, I really didn't use much of that information at all, as I applause over here. Oh, awesome! We can talk about that afterwards. But I didn't really use that specialized information at all afterwards, but I never felt that was a waste, because it was how I got to that point. That was the most valuable. But a lot of what I end up talking about stay hydrated here, so I don't. Don't dry out too much. A lot of what I end up talking about are some of the challenges that we face? Does anyone know anyone who's gone out into industry and started a career any feedback from them? They love their career. They're not sure goes. Well, I've never met anybody that didn't love it, but it yeah, more salary that is, that is pretty across the board. Pretty much true, but people do have challenges going into the career making that transition from academia to industry can be a challenging transition. And the reason I ask some of the questions is, sometimes people hear stories, and they worry like, do I have the right skill set right? Can I? You know, I don't think the knowledge, the niche knowledge is going to be that useful. Do I have the right skills? Sometimes? I, often, I talk to people even with a Ph. D. Right? More training than most people on the planet. And yet they're still thinking, is there more education than I need. Do I need certifications? Do I need other things? The biggest challenges, the problems that I see when people try to transition into industry isn't skills, and it isn't knowledge. It's thinking and working habits. That's where the biggest problems are and I have to say in my time in industry, I've spoken to a lot of industry managers, and I've seen this myself, and executives that complain about their Ph. Ds. In particular. Masters seem to not get that same kind of academic training and have the same challenge. So, you might have a benefit. But so those some of the biggest problems are thinking and working habits and the 2 biggest ones that I hear about. So, things that you'll want to think about as you make that transition. One is, we don't focus on what really matters. We get so used to being in an environment where we can just pursue something that's new and novel and interesting simply for its own sake and of course, in academic research, that's great, because anything that's new, that's the whole point of academia is to generate new knowledge, to create new knowledge and anything new could end up in a paper. So of course, that's something we pursue. But in industry it's about focusing on results and about focusing on ultimately to earn a profit. So that's one big problem. We tend not to focus on what really matters and so it's important, as you consider making your transition into industry. The value you bring isn't so much researching, cool, novel id things. It's more finding novel solutions to problems, right? And how can we solve a problem that's costing the company money or preventing us from getting product out the door, or something like that. The other big problem that I see that I hear of, and I've seen it myself, and I'm aware of it myself. Right? Some of these habits can be challenging. We struggle to make decisions without having all the data we might possibly imagine. Right? We struggled to decide quickly. The feedback I get from industry managers is I can't get them to decide. They always want more data, more analysis. I see a lot of nodding. Does that make sense? And I totally get this this myself. I still struggle with this right? It's hard to decide. Keep thinking. I just, I need more data, and then I will know the right answer. Well, the challenge is that in industry there are a lot of questions that don't have a right answer coming out of



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research. That seems a little odd. So, you know, as a scientist. And I think research in any of these divisions is probably the same. The whole point is to find the right answer. You're trying to discover something that you can publish it. Better be right. You don't want to publish something that's not right and you take whatever time is necessary until your confident right? And your pi is confident, and whoever is in there if you're working on either a master's or a Ph. D. Thesis, you want to be absolutely correct, because he will stand up and defend it in front of, I don't know how many people are on your committee here. I had 5 on my Ph. D. Defense committee. I wanted to make sure that I knew what I was talking about, that I had the right answer, and that habit tends to extend into industry. And this is probably the biggest of all the problems is that there are so many questions working at a company that don't have a right answer. You must pick something and go with it. Now, that may sound a little odd. Doesn't mean that we ship products that don't work. It doesn't mean that we don't have some degree of certainty, but so much of what we do in industry is developing a product. Right? There are many. Yeah, yes, by the time we ship it we must be pretty certain that it's going to meet the specifications. But even that that's not perfection. There's a specification that says it will work. It will work this well and no better. It's a minimum specification and the whole idea is to get to that level of certainty. But a lot of decisions must be made along the way and how are we going to put this together. What's the design going to be? And we must make those decisions before we know and what our managers need from us is for us to take our best guess, based on the data we do have and be comfortable moving forward and we really struggle with that. I still struggle with that right thinking. But I if I just had a little bit more data, then I'd know the right answer, right? And I would reduce the risk. So that's the other big problem. The way I think of this it came up with this a couple of years ago. The way I think of all of this focusing on what matters and making decisions is, I remind myself that in industry it's a game, not a formula. That's kind of the tagline that I use because formula thinking is expecting a right answer. That's what we do in academic research. Or for me in a science lab, right? I'm looking for something I can count on. If you think of a formula to get all the elements right, you necessarily get the outcome, the result you're looking for. That's what we do in research. We're looking for something that we can count on, and we can publish it, and it'll be true forever, ideally. But industry is much more like a game. There is no single way to win. There's no right answer. You must pick something and act quickly and move forward and we struggle with that, but that's the attitude that you want to get used to. I tell several stories in the work that I do. I've collected several stories, and one of them that kind of points out this way of thinking. So let me let me back up. I found that a lot of experienced businesspeople. They get this. They know it's a game, right? And they think of it like a game. They're not looking for a perfect answer or the right answer. They're just looking for something that's pretty good and let's move forward and try and make that work. In fact, their approach to decision making. And this is something I've learned to do. If you're trying to decide, if you think about what that's like, you get down, you do. Analysis is always important data collection. Of course it's important, but quickly. You often get to a point where maybe you've got 2 or 3 choices. It's kind of hard to decide where to move forward from there. Here's where you wish you had more data. Here's where you might say I'm not ready to decide yet. I need more time. I usually



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suggest when you get to that point, and this is what experienced business people do. They just decide, and then they work to make their choice the right decision. It sounds a little odd when you think about it. Just pick your favorite and work to make that the right decision. But what's behind it is we can't really predict the future. This technique reminds me. I can't predict the future nearly as well as I'd like to pretend. I like to believe I can, but what's more important is a lot of the elements of success in any decision you might make in a company, or frankly, in life, or what you do after you've picked the past right? You just need to pick something that's probably good. And let's work to make this one work out, because you're never going to know. There is no perfect answer. You're never going to know and, as I said, experienced businesspeople really seem to get this. So, my last job I used to I was in business development the last company job I had before I left and started my own business. In 2017 I used to travel a lot with the CEO, and so we'd visit customers, and that meant there'd be several evenings where we'd end up having a couple of beers over, you know, at the hotel, talking about business stories, and whatever else. Well, he liked to play hockey he was from Michigan. I'm from Missouri. I didn't. I never played hockey, but he liked to play hockey and so he would like to talk about this old guy hockey that he played once a week, and he mentioned something we were talking. I don't remember what it was specifically. But he said, you know, Dave, when I step out on the ice for a hockey game. I never consider that we might not win the game and my scientist brain clicked on. And I'm like, whoa, wait! What do you mean? You didn't. You don't consider you might lose. Look at the data. Do you win every game to know? Well, then, how can you not consider that you might lose? And it took me a while to figure out what he was getting at. What he was saying was not that he was delusional, and he thought that they, you know, somehow didn't imagine they were going to lose. He just he didn't focus on analyzing at the start of the game the way I might, my tendency would be to think, are we? How likely are we to win tonight? How are we feeling as a team? How am I feeling? How is the other team competing, you know, lately and then, of course, professional teams. They relay footage. They watch you know, their competitors, that's all valuable, but his perspective was rather than doing too much of that I just approach every game as though it's winnable. This game tonight can be won. We just must figure out how to do that, and we don't know that at the start of the game the only way to know how to play, how to win this game is to start playing it and see what happens and make decisions as we go. We must pick plays. I must make a decision when I'm out there. I don't have time to stop and analyze. I just must do something, and it may work. It may not. And if it works great, maybe we do more of that. And if it doesn't work, then we try something else, but his attitude was, I just approach every game as though it is winnable, and it's our job to figure out how that works. And I thought, this is a great analog for what you have to do in your industry career and what many of us struggle to do is to just be in the moment and say, okay, I don't know the perfect answer. I'll do what analysis I can, but I can't pretend there's a perfect answer. I just must make a decision and go with it and see what happens and work from there. So, the biggest challenges that we run into are kind of this formula, thinking that we learn that's our biggest challenge. And if and I encourage you to think about as you look at building a career transitioning into industry, to really think about some of those habits, and how can you approach it more like a





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game not looking for perfection, being willing to take a risk you know, I think in research we don't speak until we know the answer. That means we're also not always comfortable with taking a risk. Right? We don't have to in a game. You got to take a shot and you might miss. You might lose you might you got to play your hand. If you're playing cards, you must move your chess piece, but that's not what we get used to. So, I think one of the biggest challenges is moving past that. So, this is such an important concept. I at my second book. The title of it is. It's a game, not a formula. As I really walked through this, I thought, this is this is really encompassing it. And I started to think about what are the differences between academic research and how company works? Right starts with that very first thing, I said, academic research is about creating knowledge. But industry is about creating profit. Academic research is about getting a full understanding. And you take as long as it takes to understand everything. But industry is about getting results. We got to ship stuff out the door right, and we understand it well enough to get it out. The door industry is about being sorry. Academy is about being certain because we must. Whatever we publish, we need to stand behind it. Industry is about speed. If your company's doing anything worth doing, you will have competition, and you must move fast. Right, Academia. Here's an interesting and academia is an independent venture for the most part, right? You think about the job of most of us working on our degree, our masters, or a Ph. D. And even building. If you go on into academia. It's about what you do yourself, but certainly when you defend your thesis, you must do all of that yourself. But industry is about teamwork. It's about working together and so understanding that difference is really the biggest barrier thinking about. How do I approach it? More like a game where I'm not looking for the right answer. I'm just looking for something that will work and I try it, and if it doesn't work, I try something else, and I have. You must get more comfortable with risk taking actions and not really knowing what might happen. Knowledge, we like to say knowledge is power, but really, it's applied knowledge that is power and to apply that knowledge you have to take risks. You must take actions. That's really my biggest suggestion, you know, if you're thinking about making that transition think about it like a game, not a formula. How am I doing on time? Who's watching my watching the clock 5 min left. I think that's when we wanted to transition to questions right? Awesome, any questions.

- **Adam:** Can you talk about a collaborative verse a competitive environment?
- **David Giltner:** That's an excellent question. So, the other difference that I didn't really mention between academic research. I talk about 5 of them. If you counted, I listed 4. The fifth one is in research, we tend to rely on proof because if there's a right answer, we can prove it in the private sector, where there are a lot of questions that don't have right answers. And there's a lot of people with a different background than us, a different perspective. Persuasion becomes the key and so the challenge in that is to work with this person and help them see your side of this. There's kind of an art to that, or a game to that. I think that's the approach that you need to take. Now, it's hard to give you a generic answer.
- **Adam:** Or that's the data or the results where anything that we're trying to collect that that comes place a very, I'll say, very essential role when the debate were persuasion at that point. But, I'd say, follow with your approach. We probably have a default on, you know, with maybe lack of data where it may be lack of a study on certain problems. I'm just wondering, how can we? What's your approach on that?



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- **David Giltner:** Yeah. So, I think what you're describing is a question where there's data to support some options, but it doesn't completely prove one of the any of the options. Is that being that really it? So, you can't rely on that and say, Hey, this is clearly the right answer. You just aren't getting it right. That's one way of. But many times, there are problems where you can't do that, there is no right answer, so you can't prove it. So, what I like to do in that case is, I like to back up and say, Well, do I have a choice? Do I have a preference and if we're at a standstill, how can I help them? See the advantages in the approach that I think is best and maybe it's always good to let them voice. Well, what do you think is the best option? Let's say we have. Let's say it's you and me. Maybe we have 3 options here. I like Number one. I'll tell you why. I think this is the best thing but help me understand. What do you think is the best approach and help me understand why this is effectively a negotiation. Somehow, now it might be that in that conversation we agree, and then we're good. It might be that we don't agree, and then we have to figure out how to move forward now in a company setting an interesting question, if I'm the boss in the end, I have to make the decision and my style as a manager is always to get input from my team, but in the end, I just have to go with something. So, then I just might say, Well, I really appreciate the thoughts. But here's what we're going to do. But it might be that you're the boss and maybe I feel strongly that there's something you're missing, and I really don't think that's a good way to go and maybe I have some kind of expertise. Now it's a challenge. Here's part of the game. How do I help you see what I do? You have a different experience. You have a different opinion. There's some reason you really like Number 3, and I'm just thinking I see problems with that. That's the challenge is, I must think, how can I help you see what I know? You may not even have the same background, or training, or experience, or whatever and now it's a little hard to go forward without a specific example. Right? But that's helping. You see what I see? Do I rely on stories? Do I think of an example, something that you do? I take some time and back away from it. So that I can research this and think, well now, what are they seeing that I'm not okay, that's usually the best. Is that being that helpful? Is that?
- **James Asare:** Sure, what would you say, as your biggest challenge working for someone and starting your own business like you mentioned in 2,017.
- **David Giltner:** So yes, so, thanks to the quite what's the biggest challenge working for someone or the biggest challenge starting my own business. I heard 2 in there, the biggest challenge starting your own business. Starting my own business, boy. That's a great one, you know, I'll be honest. The biggest challenge is something I still struggle with is when you start your own business. It's basically something that I decided that I thought, I can make this work, but it's so easy to question myself along the way. And even if 80% of the time, 90% of the time, I think, okay, I know what I'm doing. There's that 10% of the time where I wake up. You know how. Sometimes you wake up, and not a great day. Something's on your mind. And you're thinking can I really do this? Does this make sense? I don't have a business that I thought, or I just had these problems last week. Am I doing the right thing or not? It's that confidence to keep moving forward. That's what I find is one of the biggest challenges, at least in what I'm doing.

- 06:00 | Dinner
- 06:15 | New Business
- Special election report and vote <https://forms.office.com/r/KFPbvZJtLu>



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- **Madison Hönig:** The anthropology department would like some clarity on how people were selected to represent departments they are not from.
- **Edmund Afari:** So, the thing is, we had several people apply for their various positions. So, before we gave or assigned people in the departments to their departments, then we had more applications, or more people from different departments up. So, for instance, anthropology, if we have 2 slots and only one person from anthropology, we can only give one person and get someone in a related field to be the send it in that department. So that's what happened.
- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** I motion to vote on the approval of the specific election report.
- **Madison Hönig:** Second.
  - Approval of the special election committee report:
    - Yes: 44
    - No: 4
    - Abstain: 0
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.
- RSO presentations and votes
  - RSO funding report.
  - **Marwa Aly:** So, this time Budget Committee opened the application for RSO Funding for Fall 2024, with no annual applications. We received 22 applications. One of them was received by mail, because by email, because they didn't a chance to, or they face difficulty to respond to the form. So here is the RSO. Well, that will receive lower than, or less than \$1,000. They got final approval from the Budget Committee RSO Poll where receive \$1,000 or more, should present their blend in Toronto of senators, and get their approval from you. So that's your job to approve their blend. So, I just got a request from the History Graduate Student Association, they would like to adjust their fund to \$500. So, it's less than 1,000. So, they want present in front of you today. The total funding for the fall after all, of this is \$22,000, and after that one \$925.
  - **'Niyi Ogunkoya:** I was thinking that you would explain to the generality of these hours how you arrived at certain amount given to Hours. So, knowing that that was not the original amount of money they all applied for. So, I think to an extent they need an explanation.
  - **Marwa Aly:** Okay, thank you for your question. So, some of them. They got what they ask it for, some of them. No, we have a rubric. So, we had different questions. According to the answers for these questions there were there got a percentage of what they asked it for and there were. There was a big concern from the Budget Committee who review the applications because some of the RSOs they applied for annual funding, so when they review their activity blends, they found that they add blends to this in the spring. So that's why we cut from their budget to let them. And we added that explanation to the decision that they receive that we noticed you added the spring activities. However, this fund for the fall only that's why you receive that cut others. They receive the cut according to the activities that they blend or the numbers of the graduate students they have in their account and their organization to that, how many benefit, how many people will benefit, or how many





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categories will benefit from their activities and also if they funded before from GPSA, did they use the money or did they left money over like. They didn't wisely use the money. They just ask for the money, and then they use a little bit. All of this. All of these were points that they that counted for reviewing their applications.

- RSO presentations:

- Diversity in Psychology Committee (DIPC)

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- **Carolyn Pagán:** Yes, we are online. I just drove back from Spokane for my practicum. So, I couldn't attend in person. But first, before I get started. Just let me introduce myself. So, my name is Carolyn Pagan. I'm a fourth-year doctoral student in the clinical psychology. Ph.D., program. I also want to say thank you to Matt, Marwa. I know you all do so much for all these different groups. And so, you have been helpful these last few weeks for our group. So, we are the Diversity and Psychology Committee. And so, I'll be talking about what we hope to use our funding for the next academic year, we can move on to the next slide. Okay? Great. So, our mission is to promote social equity and justice in the field of psychology, and this is accomplished through advocacy and continuous education efforts to be able to recruit and to also be able to keep our diverse students that we have in the PhD clinical psychology program, and we hope to contribute to a growing awareness, respect, and appreciation of all individuals regardless of identity. So that is our overall mission for Dipsy. We can move on to the next slide. So, talking about how we hope to use the money, so we were awarded, and hopefully will be approved for \$1,500 for the next academic year and so I kind of had to tweak a little bit what we'd be using our money for. So, we hope to use \$500 for at least 3 events in which we will have either faculty. Members come and talk to psychology students about diverse topics. In the past we've had. So, for example, we had the last one that we had was in Spring 2023, which was racial and ethnic disparities in children, mental health services. One that we had, I believe, like 2 years ago, was one of our personal faculty members in which she talked about self, compassionate self-care for mental health providers. So, we hope to have more talks like these and then be able to use that money to pay the faculty member, but also for any like workshops or refreshments materials, anything that we might need for that event. We can move on to the next slide. Okay, one of our events that I've been a part of every year that we've that I've been here at WSU is our recruitment day event. This is offered in person and through zoom as well, and through this diverse recruitment day we hope to be able to get students from different diverse backgrounds to come and apply to the WSU. Clinical psychology. Ph.D. program. And it's kind of like a workshop we get to talk about. What can help improve and better their CVS or their application things to keep in mind when interviewing with faculty members. So, it's a fun event that I personally like to take part of. Every year we can move on. Okay, the other committee subcommittee that we have at Dipsey's the arts, action events. And so, we just have these events so that people. Psychology students can come and really express their identities, their various identities that they might have.



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And so, we are asking for a \$500 budget for this event, although we use a little bit more than that, this semester. But we'll have. We'll take what we can get. So just this spring semester. We are having 2 events, one already happened. which was the night at terracotta and then we are also. In 2 weeks. I believe we're planning the creative art project with roar, which is a neuro divergent support group. And so, we hope to like, just have different have them paint different things, and express themselves through that. I know we are short on time. So that's all I really want to talk about today. Any questions for me that was fast.

- **Desmond Aboagye:** Yeah, I just wanted to know, is there another Association for the department? And is this committee part of that association, or this is also just another association. And so that means we have 2 associations in the same department.
- **Carolyn Pagán:** That's a great question. Okay? So, I am only part of DIPC. So, I could talk about DIPC. But yes, you are correct. We do have 2 associations. So, we have the Diversity and Psychology Committee. And then we have what's called CPGSO. And it's 2 separate things with 2 separate committees. And we sometimes we do work together for events. But for the most part we hold different events. So, for us, we want to focus on more diversity. So, recruiting diverse people. having clinical psychologies, be able psychology students be able to express themselves through art and for their various identities. So yes, you are correct. So, we have 2 within clinical psychology. But it's 2 separate committees. Yes.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** Yes, but if you have association that covers every student in a department, why are you forming a separate one to go besides, I believe these events you mentioned could be an event for the whole of the department, and if it is, and if every student in a department can come for that activity. Then why is it under another separate committee that needs another separate funding.
- **Carolyn Pagán:** If I understand your question correctly. Our events are not funded by the Department. Our department has limited funding and so we every semester and every academic year. We do ask for funding, and we definitely do use those funds for the events that we propose. Yes, so. Yes, I don't think our department would fund any of our events.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** Taking it further from the last question. I think the question, or the second question was. why should there be 2 associations in one department, when all the students can be members of one department. So, if all the students can be members of a department, why do we need to fund 2 associations in one department. That that's I think you should respond to.
- **Carolyn Pagán:** I don't know if I'm understanding the question. But if we have 2 separate subcommittees within the Clinical psychology department. So why fund both departments or not departments, but committees. Here. I'll only speak for Dipsy, because I'm not part of the other group, but I don't even know if they even requested funding to be very honest with you. I know that as dipsy as a dipsy committee member, we do need the funding and we do think that all of these events are helpful in recruiting diverse students to our department. I also think that these talks are the talks that we



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want to get faculty members from different universities, or even within the university, to come and talk to our diversity committee members. I think that that can also help with various things, such as just promoting like more. I guess more like knowledge about diversity within clinical psychology.

- **Senator:** Okay, so my question is kind of following those lines. In the biology department we have GPSA, but then we also have a DEI committee in the department and the department covers the DEI funds. So, I think I'm a little confused of like, why, that isn't a thing for psychology. Of why they don't have funding for their diversity committee.
- **Carolyn Pagán:** Oh, that would be fabulous! I can't answer for the department, but if they did have funding for us, I would take it and run with it, and but I know that for several years now we have depended on the GPSA funding to fund our DEI talks and recruitment efforts. So yeah, I can't speak for the department. But yeah, we've depended on the funding to be able to hold our events.
- **Jacob Green:** Okay, just really, quick. It's not a question. I just don't understand the interrogation for the RSO. Because if we have the money, and they're applying for it, and they've used it in the past. What does it matter? I mean if they're registered RSO? Give them the money? Stop. We have it for a reason. People.
- **Hannah Martin:** I motion to Diversity in Psychology Committee award \$1500.
- **Jake Green:** Second
- Approval of \$1500 for DIPC at WSU:
  - Yes: 46
  - No: 2
  - Abstain: 3
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.



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- ABSS at WSU

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- Asmir: Hi, everyone! I'm as mine, and I'm representing the Association for Bangladeshi students and scholars at WSU or ABSS. I thank GPSA and their team to for allocating the amount for the annual fund for ABSS, and giving us the opportunity to represent today, but represent Bangladesh today. So, The RSO was from in 2014, and we have been representing Bangladesh, Bangladeshi community here at the Aba, here at WSU ever since, and we also have achieved numerous awards, the GPS. A excellence awards in 2016, and the recent 2023 is the notable we organize different programs throughout the throughout the years. Our flagship program is the Bangladeshi night, where we a pageant, the Bangladeshi culture and cuisine. We host an audience of 2 50 people across the from the campus, from not only the campus we have alumni joining the program, and so, faculties and staffs as well. We have 50 plus volunteers who make it happen throughout the program. We have made an estimation of the budget. Most of the amount goes to the catering because we serve an authentic Bangladeshi cuisine in this program, and among the \$1,500 we have allocated \$1,000 from GPSA for this program. We also have. We also have a fresh reception where we welcome the new coming graduate and undergrad students in a in a in an emphatic manner, where we have a program at a particular park where we serve barbecue. We also have games in the program. And this is a program where we make the Pullman feel home for the graduate student, the undergraduate student coming to from Bangladesh to U.S.A. And also, they are absorbed in the community. We estimated at the dollar a cost of \$1,000, but the remaining fund from the Abs from the GPSA. Would go to this program **that's it for me.**
- Hannah Martin: I motion to award ABSS \$1500.
- Jake Green: Second
- Approval of \$1500 for ABSS at WSU:

- Yes: 46

- No: 3

- Abstain: 3

- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.

-Indian Student Association

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- **Indian Student Association**

**Representative: Hello.** good evening to everyone. I would like to thank the esteemed senators here for the from the GPSA for having us here and giving us this opportunity to allocate some funds for grant events that we do in the coming fall. Thank you so much for that, and I'll start right now. Peace. Sorry, that was good. So, what is Isa? And what do we



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do? So, we are the Indian Student Association, and we are dedicated to fostering cultural awareness, celebrating the Indian heritage and trying to incorporate all the Indian values and cultures here abroad in this foreign land. Our objective is to promote cross cultural exchange, and, you know, allow, give, provide a platform to all the Indians and others here to showcase their leadership quality and be able to present themselves and show their full extent. Our mission is to create a welcoming environment and make people feel at home away from home. These are some of the events that we did in the past. Some of some movie nights trips to Spokane. There is a religious temple here a Hindu temple. So, we've taken people to the religious place as well. We've had freshest parties. So, some new student welcome events end of semester parties to help people kind of unwind from all the academic you know, academic things that have been going on, and some social media challenges like competitions on Instagram. And more this is our annual budget that we had estimated for 2022. And this time around it looks like something like this. We do. Movie nights, monthly meetups, competitive events, India Night, which is one of our biggest events. It's a celebration of the Hindu festival called Diwali Festival of lights and holy celebrations that we just had on the seventh of April this year. So, our total budget for the like for the entire year, goes up to about \$25,000, and our major cost heads are in food and beverages, renting the venues, travel, and more. This is our budget for fall 2024. We are planning on doing a fresher's welcome party. And you can see, this is the vendors we're going for food. So, like it's like dominoes or pizza perfection for a welcome party. It will happen around the second week of September. Then we have Diwali celebration in the form of





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India night. That will be in the middle of November. Then we are also planning this time around to have cultural engagement trips, so that would be trip to Spokane Quarterly and help people understand the landscape of architecture and culture that's there. In these areas. Along with this, we are planning on having movie nights and game nights right before final next year and before midterm, so that people can kind of unwind and help themselves release their pressure. So, freshers welcome party is just to welcome all the new intake students here and make them feel at home. We'll have traditional music, dance performances, games, and many more things to do we are planning on having it at Chinook tentatively, and during the evening on the second in the second week of October second week of September. Sorry. then movie nights and game nights will be filled with all the Indian cinema charades and games that are household common here in us, so that we get a feel of both the American culture and the Indian culture at the same time. So, this would be again in the second week of October and the last week of November, like I mentioned before, mid-terms and finals. Again, we are expecting to do this in Kimbro, at the Music Hall Building or the Todd Hall. Then the cultural engagement trips, like I mentioned for local cuisines and traditions, trying to make that a thing for the Indian students here and help them get to know more about all this again. Tentative dates last week of September and Octobers to trips to Spokane and Quarterly, and we might, you know, charge a small amount of fare for the same for WSU students and general audience. India night is the biggest event that we've done, and we have been doing it every year. It's a celebration of festival of lights. Last time we had about 500 odd people attending that event which



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happened in the Gladish and GPSA was like us. We had received pretty good funding from GPS for the same this time around. We're expecting to do the same as well, either in the Gladish or Cub senior ballroom is where we are looking at, and we will be charging students and faculty for the same as well. It will have traditional Indian cuisine, dancing, singing, cultural extravaganza is what we are aiming for, and this is one of the biggest events and RSO. Conducts in WSU. That's about it. Thank you for your time and be there for questions.

- **Hannah Martin:** I motion to approve the Indian Student Association for \$1500.
- **Jake Green:** Second
- Approval of \$1500 for Indian Student Association at WSU:
  - Yes: 48
  - No: 2
  - Abstain: 0
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.

-American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers  
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- **Redwan Ahmad Khan: Hello, everyone. I'm Redwan Ahmad Khan, Ph.D. Student in the Department of Biological Systems, engineering, and outgoing officers of the American Society of Biblical and Biological Engineers.** and I would like to extend my thanks to the GPSA Funding Committee for approving our 1,800 budget and giving me the opportunity to present here. So, who we are. So, we're the student engineering chapter of the American Society of Agriculture and Biological Engineering organizations and which is a graduate student organization of the Biological Systems Engineering Department and our department is really diverse, consists of 4 different group, like agriculture, automation, engineering, and by products, land, air, water, resource, and environmental engineering and food engineering, which all of the groups can be different department. But from this name you can understand. And in our department more than 50 graduate students are there, and everyone is working in the rivers field. So as a club, we one to create a levy work, to create a common platform for sharing the research and skills with everyone's and our goal is to promote interest and involvement with the survey and collect, organize, and disseminate the information and ideas for advancing agriculture, biological and food, environmental, ecological engineers. So, what activities we do like, we organize academic seminar competition. It can be pushed around the overall education event like panel discussions. So, in last year we did a transition academic seminar named by transition into the next phase after graduate life Academic Seminar, where we again invited our distinguished alumni of the department, and from the Academia and industries and State agencies like this state of Federal agencies, and they share their different experience in finding a nice and well deserved a job and, as I said, like we walk, we walk on the creating



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common platform for sharing the research and experience. So, we organized the luster and lightning to competition where our departmental students shared the research and there was a prize money as well, and we give the prize money around \$1,000 for the first 3 winners. And you can see the pictures there for the flyers and the participation and, we organize a panel discussion in the in this room here, and we are going to invited last year thinking about the climate changing, evolving. Let Skype and the policy carrier and the carrier opportunity. We organize the panel discussion, and we invited the State and Federal agencies speak up for the Federal and the State agencies, and they shared their experience in finding the jobs and the heart of the research opportunities in the changing climate landscape you can see some of the pictures and the flyers ahead. So, in continuing these, like the lightning to competition and academic seminar. As I said, I'm like outgoing officers, and our new officers are some of joined online, so they would have the plan for the panel discussion, or anything have except this. But still we have this plan for the lightning competition and academic seminars, and we're asking we asked it on \$2,000, but we got approved for 1,800 in total, and we'll have use like \$1,500 for the lightning to competition and \$300 for the academic seminars. And we get some departmental funding, and we'll I think we'll able to. hold everything there.

- **Hannah Martin:** I motion to award American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers \$1800.
  - **Nazua Idris:** Second
  - Approval of \$1800 for the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers at WSU:
    - Yes: 47
    - No: 1
    - Abstain: 1
    - **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.
- History Graduate Student Association  
<https://forms.office.com/r/DJjzZM2SzV>
- Requested a reduction in the grant, which put them in a different bracket that did not need a vote by GPSA senators.

-Nigerian Students and Scholars Organization  
<https://forms.office.com/r/bUHxgcgJl1q>

- **Abiolad:** Good evening, everyone. My name is Abiola Adina. I'm a second-year student, a Ph.D. Student in department of bacteria, science, and engineering and I'm the president of Nigerian student and scholars' organization. So, the Nigeria student and scholars organization in WSU basically, we are organizations of Nigeria student that serves to bring our culture from Nigeria here to Washington State to enable our members to fill at home. That's basically what we stand off stand for. We promote and professional development, academic excellence, and a cultural diversity. So, lest I forget, I want to thank the leadership of GPSA for this opportunity given to us, and for recommending our budget for approval by the GPSA senators. So, for these coming semester we have some proposed events. We propose the work of bank and orientation program for new student and returning students. We also want to celebrate Nigeria independence, which



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is usually on the first of October and we have also planned outdoor picnic, and during Thanksgiving in November we want to celebrate with Americans the Thanksgiving event, and we also want to celebrate graduates towards the end of the semester during the commencement and celebrate them so for this event we just a brief description of what these events are for the welcome back. Event and orientation are just to bring in our new members. Show them to study them. All things are being done where the resources are, and it's also given returnees the opportunity to reconnect again after the summer vacation and down in the Niger Independence Day, although we might be away from our country of origin, which is Nigeria, we value our of source. So, want to celebrate our independence, and spend time together, promote our culture here in the Us. And make people feel as if they are still a member of Nigerian community. Also, along in the semester we plan the outdoor picnic bring people together, get them away from the rigors of academic stress and research. Let them spend times in nature so that we have time to recharge. And we believe it's going to have positive impact on our academic activities. And then, during Thanksgiving, we intend to host a Thanksgiving party whereby people come together, we eat as much turkey as we can eat, and celebrate the Thanksgiving event in a joyous mood and towards the end of the semester we want to celebrate our graduands keep in touch with them, share our contact, and make sure that they can guide. We that we are still present here, and those that are coming into success as they've attained their success. So, the budget we have planned, which the budgeting committee, as recommended for approval, is highlighted in the table that we have displayed. For our welcome back party. We are not asking for much, because we know it is just for refreshment, so we are looking to spend \$200 for celebration of independence. Same amount. And for our outdoor picnic. Yeah, personal. Ask you for much. Basically, we are asking for a total of \$1,300 to cater for activities down at the 4 semesters. And we want to use this medium to pray to the GPS to please approve these amounts we are asking for so that we can promote our Nigerian culture here in the United States. Thank you.

- **'Niyi Ogunkoya:** Thank you for your presentation. I was listening for the composition of your association. By that I mean. What is the strength? What's the number of graduate students? And on a graduate student that constitute that association? Probably that would also help us in defining how much money we should expend on the Association.
- **Abiolad:** Thank you. Alright. Thank you so much for those wonderful questions. By the by, the constitution of our organization. Any Nigeria, any students or scholars in WSU that are of Nigeria origin, are automatically members of NSSO. If they so wish to join us. So, giving you an accurate figure of the members of our organization would be a challenge because we've tried to get that information from international students for privacy reasons, they couldn't release that so. But in our own list that we collate, we have, about 64 members that are in our middle list that we reach out to on daily basis. And from these 64 members more than 50 of them are graduate students. And to give you better perspective. Currently, we have 5 member executives, and all these executives are graduate students. So, I don't know



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if they answer your question perfectly.

- **Charles Ugwu:** I motion to award Nigerian Student and Scholars \$1300.
- **Hannah Martin:** Second
- Approval of \$1300 for the Nigerian Student and Scholars Organization at WSU:
  - Yes: 51
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 1
  - **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.

-Nepali Student Association at Washington State University

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- **Sadik Shapodo:** Namaskar, and good evening to everyone. I am Sadik Shapodo, representing Nepali Student Association at Washington State University. Our association is a cultural hub and a support system for Nepalese graduate students here at Washington State University NSA aims to sustain, promote, and exchange Nepali language, literature, culture, and arts through various social cultural activities. The Nepali Student Association create an environment of home and welcoming to every Nepali student who arrive here at Washington State University and engage in celebrating various festivals. The festival of colors, lights, and joyous festivals, such as the Sahar holy teas that makes students feel home here at Washington State University. Also, NSA Aims to exchange research ideas, and promote collaboration among Nepali and other students at Washington State University. Apart from that, we also assist incoming students to settle here in pool man, also in extended centers and research station of the university. So, on this behalf, NSA. Organizes various programs, celebrates these different festivals that helps Nepali recognize in the foreign land. So here are some of the past events that NSA. Has organized. The first one was the Teeth Celebration, which celebrates the women and girls of Nepal, and the second one was the day celebration. It is one of the major festivals in our country which is celebrated for 10 days, and another is the Har festival, which is the festival of Colors and Animals, where we receive different animals. And here for this program we got funding from GPSA, Another one is the Springfest, and we welcome Bash, where we welcomed the new students that joined WSU during the spring semester, and for this also we got funding from GPSA and recently we also celebrated the Nepali New Year 2,018, and for this also we got GPSA funding and here is the last picture it. It is the news cover from Evergreen News daily that highlighted the say celebration by Napoli student here at Pullman. So, moving forward for this year. We have also proposed some other events. So, for this year we have welcome program for the incoming students for fall 2024 thieves, festival Tasse festival, the Har festival celebration and holy celebration that we have planned for this semester and the main part that is the proposed budget plan. So, we have divided our budget into different festivals that we will be celebrating here. We have DASA T. Hart teas and Napoleon New Year, and it also has, like subheadings where we are going to expand this money, and which come up to total of \$3,150. And from among this. A budget we have. We are expecting \$1,500 to be supported from GPS. A. To conduct these various activities within the Nepali community here at Washington State University. So, with this, I like to thank everyone. I like to thank GPSA for allowing us to represent Nepal in this platform. Thank you very much.
- **Hannah Martin:** I motion to award Nepali Student Association at Washington State University \$1500.





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- **Nazua Idris:** Second
- **Madison Hönig:** I just wanted to ask about the breakdown.
- **Sadik Shapodo:** The proportion of graduate students if you wouldn't mind. Okay. So, in total, we have almost 45 students, and among them only for our undergrad and all other our grad students, and the committee. The members are grad students.
- Approval of \$1500 for the Nepali Student Association at Washington State University:
  - Yes: 43
  - No: 3
  - Abstain: 1
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.

-Prosser Graduate Students Association <https://forms.office.com/r/Di6M3Ajehp>

- **Harpreet Kaur:** Good evening, everyone. Happy car. I'm presenting Prosper Graduate Student Association here at Iraq, which is which is located at Brazil, Washington. So, this is the GPSA Mission statement that the purpose of our committee is to promote leadership, professional development and social engagement for graduate students located at the Irrigator Agriculture, Research and Extension Center in Brussels, Washington. Here's our budget we plan to do general meetings for the graduate students twice a semester and do some social events pop ups and large social events like some cultural events as well as like Christmas parties. Apart from to those we tried to plan some workshops, writing clubs, and professional development in the past. Here are some of the events that GPSA. Hosted the journal meetings soccer match ice cream day and a Halloween party. So as we all are located at the research station, and so this GPSA has some immersed importance in our lives, as these are the events which you know, keep us engaged, and give us chance to be a little bit more involved in social activities as we are apart from the main campus, and this place, or is village, so there's nothing much to do. So, we tried our best, so that students don't feel that much isolated, and we should have some fun here. So, the number of graduate students at Proser Iraq is increasing, and at present we are around 40 graduate students and more students are expected in upcoming semesters and there are like increased cost of items, and we try to cover as much as multi-cultural events as we can like. If, even if there are like few students, for from 4 to 5, we try to do their cultural activities also, so that we can promote the diversity here at a short campus our off-campus place. So, these are some of our upcoming events that we plan for the month of April and May will plan to do spring fest, it during this feast this week and soccer match next week. Paint, paintball, fight, journal meetings, and we will. We will celebrate prelim and the students who are graduate who will graduate. We will through graduate party for them, and we will have our summer and party. So, thank you so much everyone, and I would like to answer some of your questions.

- **Hannah Martin:** I motion to award Prosser Graduate Students Association at Washington State University \$1100.
- **Jake Green:** Second
- Approval of \$1100 for the Prosser Graduate Students Association at Washington State University:
  - Yes: 49



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- No: 0
- Abstain: 2
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion passes.

Other Comments:

- **Jeremy Boutine:** Just a very quick update before we run out of here. There are flyers at the check-in table for our end of the year party this Saturday at sea. Bravo! Get excited! It is our last event of the semester year, and we're just going to show up and really celebrate all the fun and exciting things that GPSA has done throughout the past year. And we're going to have free food gifts and prizes. So, make sure you stop by you.
- **Amir Hossein Moadab:** Hello, everyone. So, we had some awardees in excellence awards this year. Our leadership awards were increased actually by 4 of awardees. So, we have 4 of awardees for leadership award congratulations and we will send out the email for all awardees to all graduate and professional students. The reason that it took a long time to announce the Awardees was we were waiting for leadership awards and other categories. So, it wasn't finalized until like last Tuesday. So, congratulations to all the vendors. This is the excellence awards winners, and please next slide and we also had a great research exposition event which we had. We had an increase in, in the third place for 4 categories which we had the highest number of applications. So, the reason that you see, in some applications, like agricultural and natural resource, we have 4 positions is that these categories have like 16 or 14 applicants, and for some other categories like Arts and education sciences. We had, we kept the 3 places or positions for that cause. They had, like 7 or 8 applicants to present their works. So. And the next slide show the other 3 categories. So once again, congratulations and I will finalize the monetary award for these applicants so they can expect that they see their award in their account by the end of the week, I assume. Thank you so much, and congratulations again. Any question.
- **Hannah Martin:** I motion to adjourn the meeting.
- **Jake Green:** Second
- **Marwa Aly:** So moved.
- 08:00 | 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](mailto:presgpsa@wsu.edu)**

**Task Completed:**

- Plan and conduct executive board meetings.
- Plan and conduct executive team meetings.
- S&A Fee allocation
- GPSA Senator and College rep of the year 2023-24 selection
- GPSA Excellence Awards distribution

**Meeting attended:**

- Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Weekly Cougar Lobby meeting with ASWSU
- Meeting with S&A Fees committee
- Bi-weekly SGC steering committee meeting
- Faculty senate meeting
- Weekly PDI committee meeting
- Student Government Council meeting online
- GIESO general assembly meeting
- Meeting With ASWSU Director of Leg. Affairs and Deputy DOLA
- Washington Student Association General Assembly at Bellevue
- Meeting with WSU Police chief Gary Jenkins

**Executive Vice President and Budget Chair– Marwa Aly; [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu)**

**Task Completed:**

- Facilitate purchases.
- Prepare Senate agenda.
- Send out decision emails to RSOs regarding the Fall funds.
- Childcare reimbursement for Spring.
- Finalize the GPSA budget according to the S&A allocation.

**Meeting Attended**

- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- SGC meeting.



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- Spring GA meeting at Bellevue.
- Meeting with AVPs.
- Weekly GPSA Budget committee meetings
- CUB advisory board

**Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Chair of Legislative Affairs– Tathagata Pal.**  
[gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu)

**Task Completed:**

- The GPSA legislative liaison in Olympia, Pal, is advocating for graduate and professional students' specific issues like housing, childcare, and mental health support.
- Arranged Coug day with total of 85 participants (10 graduate students) with a total of 95 meetings with legislators.

**Meeting Attended:**

- Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Weekly SGC Legislative affairs committee meeting
- Bi-weekly SGC steering committee meeting
- Meeting with legislators in Olympia
- Weekly check in meetings with WSA
- Weekly meeting with WSU Government Relations Office

**Chair of Internal Affairs– Marwa Aly;** [gpsa.internal@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.internal@wsu.edu)

**Tasks Completed:**

- Chaired a special committee to review applications and nominate college representatives and senators at large.
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- **Meeting attended:**
- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Special election committee



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**Chair of Professional Development Initiative-;** [gpsa.pd@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.pd@wsu.edu)

**Tasks Completed (in coordination with PDI GA):**

- Organized GPSA-PDI events: “Finding funding: how the Office of Research works”, “Professional headshots photoshoot”, “Writing the conclusion of a research article”, and keynote events: “Formatting your thesis/dissertation”.

**Meeting attended:**

- Weekly GPSA executive meeting
- Weekly PDI executive meeting

**Chair Programming- Jeremy Boutin;** [gpsa.programming@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.programming@wsu.edu)

**Tasks Completed:**

- Complete necessary paperwork after **Restaurant Friday’s: O-Ramen (2/2/24), Game Night @ Palouse Games (2/7/24), Ex Throwing (2/13/24), Mindful Yoga Class (2/20/24), and Restaurant Friday’s: Rico’s (3/1/24)**
  - Collect attendee list/receipts and submit to Student Involvement.
- **Prepare for Drag Queen Bingo (3/8/24), Climbing Event (3/18/24), and Full Moon Sound Bath (3/25/24).**
  - Create flyers, purchase request forms and promotional materials.
- Coordinate with the Chair of Communications for advertisement of future events.
- Coordinate with the Vice President and GPSA Advisor in monitoring the use of funds designated for graduate and professional student programming purposes, update budget when necessary.
- Contact and meet with committee members to plan remaining Spring events.

**Meeting attended:**

- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Numerous planning meetings for spring events with necessary participants.
- Programming Committee Meeting.

**Chair of University Affairs- Golrokh (Rose) Maleki;** [gpsa.university@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.university@wsu.edu)

**Meeting attended:**

- Executive Board Meeting
- University Affairs Meeting





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**Chair of Community Affairs-;** [gpsa.community@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.community@wsu.edu)

**Tasks Completed:**

- Met with Internal Affairs Chair, Ashley Wells to coordinate in person polling station.
- Met with Communications Chair to finalize Referendum informational materials.
- Met with Community Affairs Committee to finalize Spring programming.
- Ordered materials for in person polling station.
- Met with Programming Committee to support Drag Bingo Event
- Emailing with Pullman Parks and Recreation for Earth Day Park Cleanup
- Emailing with Phoenix Conservancy for Seed Cleaning Event

**Meeting attended:**

- Attended Cougar Food Pantry Advisory Board
- Attended Bi-weekly GPSA Executive Board Meetings
- Attended College Hill Matters Meeting
- Chaired meeting with Food Security Committee
- Chaired meeting with Community Affairs Committee

**Chair of Travel Grants-Augustine Triumph Attah;** [gpsa.grants@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.grants@wsu.edu)

**Tasks Completed:**

- Completed Spring 1 applications.
- Sent out emails to applicants.

**Meetings attended:**

- Student Media Board
- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting

**Chair of Communication – Andrew Sutherland;** [gpsa.communications@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.communications@wsu.edu) :

**Tasks Completed:**

- Setting up HR meeting with KUGR for radio training to start a graduate student focus show.
- Updated Travel Grant Webpage on the GPSA Website
- Developing a Mental Health Resources Webpage on the GPSA Website

**Meeting attended:**

- Weekly GPSA Executive board meeting