

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #11 Minutes
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 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #12 Agenda
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 - Send GPSA-VP email by 4/8/2020 for any changes in agenda for next meeting.

• Guest Speaker - Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Lisa Gloss

- Graduate school deadlines may be extended depending on how long the WA State Governor's "stay healthy and stay at home" order lasts. Automatic extensions are not an option; the usual Graduate school policies are still in effect. Students already in extensions will have leniency for additional extensions.
- \circ Necessity of 100% cotton pages for thesis/dissertation final submission?
 - This is still necessary for the WSU Graduate school as this is the only way for WSU to archive theses/dissertations because it has a unique watermark. Information regarding this is in the memo that was sent out by Dr. Gloss's office last week. Graduate school will not cover related shipping costs. However, some departments might cover these costs.
 - WSU will be open during summer 2020. Students can graduate in the summer if they want to (but must enroll). Summer courses may/may not be scheduled depending on department/college.
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT) application status check with international programs. Graduate school does not process OPT applications.
 - Defense dates being pushed back will make the degree clearance delayed as well. Can request a letter of completion after the defense, prior to diploma being awarded.
 - Dr. Gloss will still hold office hours for individual questions. Her schedule is currently undergoing changes.
- Announcements & Events
 - PDI Events (reminder: events will be held via Zoom)
 - Stress Relief and Mindfulness Workshop via Zoom
 - April 7, 2020, from 1:30–2:30 p.m.
 - April 15, 2020, from 2:00–3:00 p.m.
 - April 23, 2020, from 1:30–2:30 p.m.
 - April 28, 2020, from 5:10–6:00 p.m.
 - Previous recordings on <u>PDI website</u>. They are also being posted to GPSA social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).



• GPSA Programming Committee Events

- U-Fit participants Essay due April 3rd, by 11:59 pm.
- Email Rachel (gpsa.programming@wsu.edu) for any questions.

• GPSA University Committee

Mental Health First Aid Training Cancelled!

• GPSA Community Affairs (Where to look!)

 Please check <u>WSU Events</u> page for February events, our <u>GPSA</u> <u>Community Engagement Page</u>, and GPSA on social media

• GPSA Communications Committee:

- Grad students on Assistantships Use your \$200 vision benefit for glasses, prescription sunglasses, or contacts with WSU Health & Wellness Services!
- **•** Senator and Executive Board Testimonials webpage
 - Need a professional photo and a statement of what you do/like about GPSA and/or why you are in GPSA. Please keep statements short, you can see https://gpsa.wsu.edu/get-involved/testimonials/ for example.
 - Send photo and quote to gpsa.communications@wsu.edu

• GPSA Budget Committee

- RSO Funding Applications are available! Deadline: April 17th, 11:45pm
- Choose between semester or yearly funding; read the application carefully while applying.
- Must be a member of our GPSA Cougsync page
 - RSO Funding Application
- Plan for RSO funds from cancelled events: RSO funds have to be used and if not then it is returned to the general fund pool; RSOs will still need to re-apply.
 - Will not reflect poorly/impact new funding applications if funds were not used due to COVID-19.

• Open Floor

- Participate in Poll via Zoom results will be shared with WSU administration.
 - Q1. What are the current needs of Grad students following the pandemic?



- Q2. Do you know of any graduate/prof student that is struggling with obtaining or purchasing food following the Covid-19 "Stay home, stay healthy" Mandate?
- Q3. What are your thoughts on using leftover S&A money to subsidize groceries for grad students in need?
- Any announcements from Senators?
 - Online Zoom fitness classes are being offered still: http://urec.wsu.edu/fitness/online-offerings/
 - Please participate in and complete the 2020 GPSA Census survey: tinyurl.com/gpsacensus2020.
- GPSA-President and GPSA-VP are still working and welcome questions/concerns via email. Will be moving office hours to Zoom.
- Travel money can be reallocated for reimbursement of cancelled conferences and travel. More information here: <u>https://gpsa.wsu.edu/programs/travel-registration-grants/</u>
- Emergency funding that can be applied for if COVID-19-related medical expenses occur.
- Please let us know if you are struggling to obtain food or if you know someone in your constituency who is.
- GPSA is in talks with Dissmores and a food pantry to possibly use leftover S&A funds to help students who are struggling with obtaining food during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Dissmore's delivery link: <u>https://www.dissmores.com/</u>
 - Need to create an account for delivery.
- On-campus food banks (Cougs feeding Cougs etc.) can benefit from help from departmental RSOs that might not be using all of their funds. https://www.studentaffairs.wsu.edu/initiatives/cougs-feeding-cougs/
- Emergency student financial aid is being offered by Crimson Community Grants. Awards may range between \$200-1000. More information at: https://provost.wsu.edu/ccg/
- COVID-19 Pullman Regional Hospital fund: https://info.pullmanregional.org/blog/covid-19-pullman-regional-hospital-fund

• Old Business

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- New Business
 - GPSA Candidate Results Ana (Chair of IAC)



- All GPSA Executive Officers positions (i.e., President, VP, and VPLA) have been filled.
- 3 college representative positions filled.
- 40 senator seats filled so far. Remaining seats will be filled via open applications in July.
- 4/6/2020 to 4/24/2020: <u>Applications open for GPSA special elections</u> for College Representatives-at-large (5 positions).
- A complaint was filed regarding the election protocol. Ana reported the details of that complaint and IAC's response to the complaint. Overall, the elections were carried out in full accordance with GPSA by-laws.
- In accordance with GPSA bylaws, the senate needs to vote on validation of preliminary GPSA election results
- Senate vote on validation of GPSA election results: all of senate voted 'YES'. Election results validated.
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- Open applications for GPSA College representative: https://gpsa.wsu.edu/events/open-applications-gpsa-college-representative/

• Adjournment

• Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.