

GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 01/16/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

Zoom link:

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- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**

- **Ajay Barman**
- **Desmond Aboagye**
- **Joseph Akowuah**
- **Augustine Attah**
- **Redwan Ahmad**
- **Sajjad Mahmud**
- **Andrew Sutherland**
- **Matt Shaw**
- **Tammy Barry**
- **Nazua Idris**
- **Ali Maleki**

- **Agenda items**

- Adobe subscription for grad students from Fall 2025
 - Last Spring of 2024, IT brought up how students can maintain Adobe the very basics. Which mostly focuses on editing PDFs. There is currently a movement to vote on having Adobe in our student fees. This would have been voted by ASWSU. If we want to maintain it for graduate students, we would need to vote for it in the Spring.
 - Undergrad students pay a tech fee to pay for undergrad students' use of Adobe. Grad students were not under the tech fee.
 - Possibly a fee of \$5 per semester, but undergrad pays \$10. We will look more into this.
 - Dr. Barry will seek out more information to about Adobe and student fees for the next executive meeting.
 - If we can't get this as a referendum, GPSA does have funding that we can use as a stopgap for a year.
- Executive Board office hours (1hr/ week)

- Please dedicate 1-hour a week. Executive office hours will begin next week, Monday.
- Committee budget plan for Spring 2025
 - Each committee chair will need to make a budget plan for the Spring semester. Committees can collaborate if one committee needs more money or if they have money to spare.
 - PDI contributed some money last year for the Research Expo, but they want to know if they want to contribute for this year.
 - Research Expo is getting closer to the \$22,000. They would appreciate some contribution from PDI. Next week, Research Expo will have a final budget for next week.
- **Committee updates**
 - PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud
 - The first PDI executive meeting was today.
 - Events:
 - Community Affairs Committee event on Food Crafts event.
 - Physics and Astronomy Event – Sustainable Networking – April 3
 - January 30 – Python event
 - The Grammarly Application is open until January 24th
 - Nazua reached out about a possible election info session.
 - Programming: Md. Redwan Ahmad Khan
 - 160 people attended the ice cream event.
 - Jan 25 – Winter Hiking
 - Feb – 2 Events
 - Restaurant Friday
 - Movie Night
 - March Events
 - Working on these events
 - May need some money for events.
 - Specifically for the Wellness Bingo
 - Jeremy Boutin is interested in helping with this event.
 - We have approved \$500 for Bingo
 - Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah
 - 7 Grants Approved for Dissertation Grants

- The amount is being processed from the Fall Semester
 - 12 New grants have been recently applied.
 - The Research Expo Goal is to have 200 participants.
 - We have submitted various forms of advertisements with CUB, WSU Insider, and Friday Memo
- Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye
 - The transition between Marwa and Desmond was smooth.
 - RSO funding requests were approved, but some of the amounts were based on RSO submitting requests for the Fall semester. We are still waiting for some RSOs to submit their reports. We have extended the form to January 17th.
- Travel Grants: Austine Attah
 - Approved applicants for December.
 - Budget Update: from July to December, we have disbursed \$43,000. Including today, we should have distributed \$46,000. The fall semester alone was \$33,000. We have \$28,000 left until the end of June.
 - We currently have 11 applicants for January. We may need some support for the rest of the semester.
- Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris
 - Working on apportionment numbers for senators for each department.
 - Will be done by Monday, Jan 20. Needs to be presented by the second GPSA Meeting.
 - 10 students is the thresh hold. We are currently looking at possibly combining departments to make sure smaller departments have representatives. However, we can't due to the need for bylaw changes.
 - All Reps and Executive members need to get approval from the department chair and advisors. We included a sentence if people are struggling getting the form signed, they can reach out to Dr. Barry for help.
 - We are working on if we get food, we might base it on who is planning to attend. These will take place during the first week and second week of elections. Most likely at Ferdinand's, but maybe at the CUB.

- Plan to attend Zoom office hours if people want more clarity on the elections.
- University and Student Affairs: Ajay
 - Some committees want people from outside of GPSA.
 - Please reach out to Rose if you have not heard from your assigned university committee.
- Communication: Andrew Sutherland
 - Elections Applications Announcements have been requested for Jan 29 and Feb 3rd.
 - The election website is ready for applications.
 - The Research Expo Announcement will go out through Slate next week.
 - Promoted through WSU Insider, Friday Memo, and Daily Evergreen.
 - Looking to purchase a Pull-Up banner
 - Putting Together a Slate Announcement for PDI events for February
 - Putting together a Slate Announcement for Programming Events for February.
 - Slate Announcement at the beginning of each month for Travel Grants.
- Community Affairs: Madison Hönig
 - Cannot attend
- Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki
 - Travel to Olympia for training for this weekend.
 - Cougar Day will have 10 people attending the event.
 - Ajay, Ali, Rose, and Desmond will be attending.
 - Ali has the itinerary for the event and has shared it with everyone.
 - Pick up and drop-off – outdoor rec center ORC and Tennis Courts. Any parking pass over Red parking pass or Gray can park there overnight.