



# Graduate and Professional Student Association

GPSA Senate Minutes#12  
March 29, 2021  
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## Zoom

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If you would like to add items to the agenda, please email the Executive Vice President by the Wednesday before Senate meetings. Minor edits to this agenda can also be suggested over email.

Pay close attention to the Guest Speaker. You are expected to engage in conversation and ask pertinent questions. Some prior research is encouraged so that questions and comments are well-informed.

Here's the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - ❖ Approval of Senate Meeting #11 Minutes
    - ❖ **Approved as written**
  - ❖ Approval of Senate Meeting #12 Agenda
    - Amended Agenda – Switch Guest Speaker timing with that of Open Floor
    - ❖ **Approved as amended**
- 5:35 | Announcements
  - ❖ PDI Updates (Jenn Johnson, GPSA President)
    - The PDI calendar is [here](#)
      - Alumni Panel Discussion: A view of Work in Non-Academic Jobs for Social Sciences
        - April 2nd 1:00 pm to 3:00pm
      - The Prestigious Fellowship Workshop for this semester
        - Cancelled
      - Students can access previous recording
        - If they are interested=> PDI website => [Online PDI Offerings](#) => log in with WSU ID and password
  - ❖ [Programming Updates](#) (Rachel Wong, Chair of Programming)
    - GPSA's Chat & Chew with President Schulz and Provost Chilton
      - ❖ April 1st 6pm to 7pm
    - Grab and go Ice Cream at Ferdinand's
      - ❖ Tuesday, April 13th from 10.30am to 3.30pm with your Cougar card
    - Yoga and Mindfulness w/Madison R



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- ❖ Friday Mar 26th from 5-6 pm
- ❖ Wednesday April 5-6 pm
- Virtual Paint Night 2
  - ❖ April 23rd from 6-8pm
- Legislative Affairs Updates
  - Building re-designing for Biological Sciences
- Graduate Student Concerns
  - Does that city have plans for speeding and opening up Covid 19 vaccines for all?
    - WSU is approved to start vaccination, and it is opening up soon. Call the Pharmacies in town, 20 mins before they close and check for leftover vaccines.
    - Whitman county hospital is flexible in providing vaccinations. SEL is registering for leftover vaccines.
    - To learn more, visit [Phase Finder](#)
- 5:50-6:10| Open Floor
  - Breakout rooms – Will be divided by colleges again. What are some questions you would like asked in an upcoming Pullman Community Panel?
  - After discussion, we will take some time to hear responses.
  - Is there anything that the community could do vs. state with respect to an increase in Rental Rates?
  - Is there a possibility for better infrastructure with respect to bad internet?
- 6:10-6:15| Break
- 6:15-7:00| Guest Speaker: [Mary Jo Gonzales, Vice President of Student Affairs](#)
  1. Can you explain your role and what your position is responsible for within the WSU administration?
    - Stipends, health care-related issues, extension and research center issues, classes, and overall administration.
  2. What is the status on returning to classes in-person in the Fall?
    - Depends on the provost. We have already moved to more in-person activities.
    - Library is most in demand, so it maybe accessible by Fall.
    - The Graduate School office is working on a plan to re-open like most other university offices.
  3. Will WSU consider proposing mandatory vaccinations for students returning in the Fall?



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- Vaccination will be mandated for every student. This may change depending upon the federal or state guidelines. Cougar Health Services has already vaccinated 120 students.
- 4. Can you speak about the Campus Climate initiative you worked on and where WSU is currently developing and implementing programs focusing on inclusivity and equity?
  - There are 5 working groups to report discrimination.
  - An equity series has been established.
  - A certificate series has been established.
  - Implicit bias training has been mandated.
  - There are policy changes that have been made with respect to hygiene products available on campus.
  - \$10 million is annually allotted to develop a better and friendly campus. There are on-going changes for the recruitment process on campus.
  - There are also discussions on out-of-pocket health expenses with CHS.
  - Measures are being discussed to minimize the cost.
- 5. What are some of the programs offered through Student Affairs that are either geared toward or most beneficial to graduate professional students?
  - [Five Working Groups on Campus Climate and Culture](#)
  - [Center for Civic Engagement](#)
  - [Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center](#)
  - [Center for Community Standards](#)
- 6. Will there be any bigger refund for UREC?
  - No. There is significant amount of debt load.
- Motion to extend Senate meeting until 7.30pm
  - ❖ **Approved**
- 7:00 - 7:25 | New Business
  - Open Application Period begins 3/29/21 at 8:00pm
  - Form Special Nomination Committee
  - Open Application Period ends 4/16/21 at 11.59pm
  - Review Open Applications and make nominations to Senate.
  - Vote on Nominations at final Senate meeting on 4/26/21.
- Creation of special committees for elections; need volunteers.



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- A special nomination committee will be formed to help oversee the nomination process during the Open Application period for each vacant College Representative and Senator position.
- IAC Committee
  - The current IAC Committee will appoint one Senator in good standing from each College to serve on the Special Nomination Committee. If no senator from a College will serve, no replacements from other colleges will be made.
  - The Special Nomination Committee will consist of at least five incumbent members of the senate, and no incumbent Executive Officer will serve on the Special Nomination Committee.
  - The President and Vice-President applicants must run together on one ticket. The IAC is proposing an exception for this Open Application period to allow the interested President and Vice-President applicants to run separately. Language Amended and approved - If no joint ticket for President and Vice President is submitted, the committee can nominate single tickets for Senate approval.
  - The special executive nomination committee would have to nominate and present applications at the next senate meeting, and then the senate would cast a vote at the next meeting to either confirm the nominee or not.
  - Due to the limited number of senate meetings left, the above procedure cannot be followed.
  - The IAC is proposing an exception. So, students can apply for the president/vice president position during the open application period. and then be presented to the Senate for a confirmation vote after the application period is closed.
  - The formation of the special executive nomination committee will be bypassed in this case.
  - Email: [gpsa.internal@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.internal@wsu.edu)
- Bylaw Change – Voted and Changed
  - ❖ **Approved**
- Election Results – Vote
  - ❖ **Approved as written**
- VP – Corner
  - ❖ Roll out of Fall/Academic year RSO application period
- 7:25-7:30 | Closing remarks/questions
  - ❖ Please create a question you'd like to ask at the Chat n Chew with President Kirk Schulz and Provost Elizabeth Chilton



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- 7:30 | Adjournment



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## GPSA Executive Board Reports

GPSA Executive Board Reports March 6th - March 26th, 2021

The lists below are not meant to be comprehensive. If you need clarification or have any questions, please contact the corresponding individual.

### **President's Report – Jenn Johnson**

- **Tasks Completed**
  - Helped plan GPSA budget for 2021-2022
  - Created agendas for GPSA Executive Board meetings
  - Created agenda for Internal Affairs Committee meeting
  - Created agenda for Community Affairs Committee meeting
  - Compiled GPSA inventory and ordered new materials.
  - Compiled election data and presented preliminary results on to IAC and website.
  - Updated GPSA Open Application election forms
  - Planned Community Leadership Panel event with Legislative Affairs.
- **Meetings Attended**
  - Attended GPSA Senate meeting
  - Attended College Hill Matters committee meeting.
  - Led GPSA Executive Board meetings
  - Attended WSU Board of Regents meeting
  - Attended Student Government Council meeting
  - Planned and attended WSU Student Inclusion Conference
  - Attended PDI executive meeting
  - Attended GPSA Executive Team meetings
  - Met with advisor TaMisha to discuss GPSA topics
  - Attended Internal Affairs Committee meeting
  - Attended Community Affairs Committee meeting
  - Attended WSU State of the University
  - Chaired S&A hearings
  - Met with WSU Administration to discuss GPSA concerns and issues
  - Met with WSU AVPs to discuss GPSA concerns and issues
  - Attended Faculty Senate
  - Attended Athletics Council meeting

### **Vice President's Report – Samantha Edgerton**

- **Tasks Completed**
  - Agenda for Senate meeting #12
  - Facilitated Senate meeting #11
  - Sent meeting minutes for Senate meeting #11



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- Facilitated Budget Committee meeting
- Helped plan GPSA budget for 2021-2022
- Helped create S & A Budget request for Academic Year 2021-2022
- Created Power Point presentation for S & A Budget request
- Facilitated S & A presentation preparation
- Presented with Rachel Wong and Ninh Khuu at S & A Hearing
- Responded to email inquiries regarding RSO funding
- Reviewed and signed requests for ETRs and POs
- Updated RSO materials for Fall/Academic year rollout
- Meetings Attended
  - Attended GPSA Executive Board meetings
  - Attended GPSA Executive Team meetings
  - Attended Student Government Council meeting
  - Attended Office of International Programs meeting
  - Attended SHAC meeting
  - Attended Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion seminar
  - Met with advisor TaMisha to discuss GPSA topics
  - Attended WSU State of the University
  - Met with WSU Administration to discuss GPSA concerns and issues
  - Met with WSU AVPs to discuss GPSA concerns and issues
  - Attended Faculty Senate

### **Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report – James Dalton**

- Tasks Completed
  - Created GPSA Legislative Budget for 2021-2022
  - Finalized Bill of Rights for Admin Negotiations
  - Created Agenda for GPSA Legislative Affairs Meeting
  - Planned Community Leadership Panel event with Community Affairs.
  - Created WSA Executive Agendas
  - Crafted letter to Senate Leadership along with Planned Parenthood in support of HB 1009
- Meetings Attended
  - GPSA Senate Meeting
  - GPSA Executive Board Meetings
  - Student Government Council Meeting
  - GPSA Executive Team Meetings
  - Meeting with TaMisha Greathouse
  - WSU State of the University Address
  - S&A Fee Hearings
  - WSU Administration Monthly Meeting
  - Student Affairs AVP Monthly Meeting



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- Coung on Cougs
- WSA Legislative Liasons daily check in
- Meeting with Rep. Slatter
- Meeting with Chris Mulick
- WSU Veterans Symposium
- WSU Veterans Task Force
- WSU Veterans Task Force Subcommittee

### Chair of Awards and Scholarships – Rabayet Sadnan

- Tasks Completed
  - GPSA Research Expo event
  - Finalize the score of research expo
- Meetings Attended
  - Senate meeting
  - Executive Board meetings

### Chair of Communications Report – Adnan Mohamed

- Tasks Completed
  - 3/8/21: Submitted GPSA Monday Minutes
  - 3/8/21: Took GPSA Senate Minutes
  - 3/22/21 Submitted GPSA Monday Minutes
  - March 11, 18, 25/21, Took Executive board meeting minutes
  - Posted on Social Media
  - Created Internal and External Resources page on the website
  - Published programming events on the Website
- Meetings Attended
  - March 11, 18, 25/21 Executive board meeting

### Chair of Community Affairs – **VACANT**

### Chair of Internal Affairs Report – **VACANT**

### Chair of Programming Report – Rachel Wong

- Tasks:
  - Daily Evergreen Interview
  - Restaurant Week logistics:
    - Drop off sign-in forms for restaurants
    - Pick up sign-in forms
    - Purchase gifts for restaurant week giveaway winners
  - Ingredient pick up for Chat & Chew with Mary Jo
  - Ice Cream Social logistics
  - Worked with Stefanie from Ferdinand's to identify potential ice cream social data
    - Create flyer for ice cream social
  - Paint Night logistics





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- Create flyer for paint night
- Meetings:
  - 3/8 GPSA Senate Meeting
  - 3/9 CUB Advisory Board
  - 3/11 Paint Night 2 Meeting
  - 3/11 GPSA Exec Board
  - 3/17 GPSA Programming Meeting with TaMisha
  - 3/18 GPSA Exec Board
  - 3/21 S&A Prep
  - 3/21 Programming Meeting
  - 3/22 S&A Presentation
  - 3/25 GPSA Exec Board
  - 3/25 Student Media Board

### **Chair of Professional Development Report – Anika VanDeen**

For questions for Anika, please email her at [gpsa.pd@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.pd@wsu.edu)

### **Chair of Travel Grants Report – Arian Karimitar**

- Tasks:
  - Review applications and email Spring 2 awardees
  - Search and design special plan of funding for summer 2021 (in progress)
  - Reorganize Travel Grant website (in progress)
- Meetings:
  - 3/8 Senate Meeting
  - 3/11 GPSA board meeting
  - 3/18 GPSA board meeting
  - 3/18 Travel Grant committee meeting
  - 3/25 GPSA board meeting

### **Chair of University and Student Affairs Report – Anastasia Vishnevskaya**

For questions for Ana, please email her at [gspa.university@wsu.edu](mailto:gspa.university@wsu.edu)



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## Preliminary General Election Results 2021-2022

Executive Officers	Vice President of Legislative Affairs	Reanne Chilton
College Representatives	College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resources Sciences	Behnaz Molaei
	College of Arts and Sciences	Arpita Sinha
	Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture	Rabayet Sadnan
Senators	Business, College of	Oluseyi Elliott
	Crop and Soil Sciences (with College of CAHNRS, Agriculture, M.S.)	Shahbaz Ahmed
	Plant Pathology	Samodya Jayasinghe
	Research & Extension Centers	Alexa Mcdaniel
	School of Economic Sciences	Reetwika Basu
	School Of Food Science	Debomitra Dey
	History	Sam Fleischer
	Mathematics and Statistics	Derrick Bonney
	Physics and Astronomy	Syeed Ahmed
	School of Languages, Cultures, and Race and the Program in American Studies	Charles Ross
	Sch of the Environment-CAS	Summer Lockhart
	School Of Biological Sciences	Viktoriya Vasina
	Sociology	Kiley Simpson
	College Of Communication	Jocelyn Mckinnoncrowley
	College Of Communication	Anastasia Vishnevskaya
	Kinesiology & Ed Psych	Oluwafemi Sunday
	Teaching and Learning	Amira Albagshi
	Teaching and Learning	Humberto Jimenez Fernandez
	Molecular Plant Science	Andrew Herr
	School of Elect Eng & Comp Sci	Abodh Poudyal
	School of Elect Eng & Comp Sci	Partha Sarker
	School of Elect Eng & Comp Sci	Ali Shakerikahnamouei
	School of Mech And Matls Eng	Sushant Ciliveri
School of Mech And Matls Eng	Arjak Bhattacharjee	
Molecular Biosciences	Jacob Woodbury	



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## Vacant Positions 2021-2022

Executive Officers	President	Vacant
	Vice-President	Vacant
College Representatives	College of Business	Vacant
	College of Veterinary Medicine	Vacant
	College of Communication	Vacant
	College of Education	Vacant
	Graduate School	Vacant
Senators	Business, College of	Vacant
	Animal Sciences	Vacant
	Apparel, Merc, Design, Textile	Vacant
	Biological Systems Engineering	Vacant
	Department of Horticulture	Vacant
	Entomology	Vacant
	Human Development	Vacant
	Sch of the Environment-CAHNRS	Vacant
	School of Economic Sciences	Vacant
	Anthropology	Vacant
	Chemistry	Vacant
	Chemistry	Vacant
	Criminal Justice & Criminology	Vacant
	English	Vacant
	Fine Arts	Vacant
	Mathematics and Statistics	Vacant
	Politics, Philosophy & Pub Affairs	Vacant
	Psychology	Vacant
	School Of Biological Sciences	Vacant
	School Of Music	Vacant
	Educ Leader and Sport Mgt	Vacant
	Graduate School	Vacant
	Material Science & Engineering	Vacant
Chemical Engr & Bioengineering	Vacant	
Civil And Environmental Engineering	Vacant	
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College of Engineering & Arch	Vacant	



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Sch of Design & Const-CEA	Vacant
College of Veterinary Medicine	Vacant
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Neuroscience	Vacant
Professional	Vacant
Professional	Vacant
Professional	Vacant
Professional	Vacant



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### Timeline:

- General Election Confirmation Vote 3/29/21
- Open Application period: 3/29/21 – 4/16/21
  - Form Special Nomination Committee
  - Review Open Applications
- Special Nomination Committees/IAC present candidates at final Senate meeting on 4/26/21

### General Election – Confirmation Vote

F-1-a. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required to accept the election report of the IAC. Acceptance of this report certifies that the final election results are ready to be posted and that no further action is necessary unless there is a challenge of the results.

### Exceptions to the Bylaws - Votes

1. Currently, the President and Vice-President applicants must run together on one ticket. The IAC is proposing an exception for this Open Application period to allow for interested President and Vice-President applicants to run separately. This proposed change is due to the notion that, due to the virtual environment, it is more difficult to connect with fellow graduate and professional student making a joint ticket problematic.
2. Currently, the Special Executive Nomination Committee would have to nominate and present applicants at the next Senate meeting and then the Senate would cast the vote at the next meeting to either confirm the nominees or not. Due to the time constraints and the limited amount of Senate meetings we have left in this semester, the IAC does not have an opportunity to proceed with the formation of the Special Executive Nomination Committee and complete the nominations prior to the end of the semester. The IAC is proposing an exception for this year to allow those students who are interested in President/VP positions to apply during the Open Applications period and be presented to the Senate for the confirmation vote after Application Period is closed. In this case, the formation of the Special Executive Nomination Committee will be bypassed. Instead, the eligibility of the candidates for the Pres/VP positions will be reviewed by the current IAC members.

### Creation of Special Nomination Committee:

- A Special Nomination Committee will be formed to oversee the nomination process during the Open Application period for each vacant College Representative and Senator position.
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Senator from a College will serve, no replacements from other Colleges may be made.

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