

GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 01/30/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**

- Ajay Barman
- Desmond Aboagye
- Ali Maleki
- Joseph Akowuah
- Andrew Sutherland
- Augustine Attah
- Madison Hönig
- Redwan Ahmad Khan
- Nazua Idris
- Sajjad Mahmud
- Matt Shaw

- **Agenda items**

- Questions Regarding Election for Feedback (Campaign, Candidate Debate, Logistics): Nazua
 - Can we livestream the election debate and campaign? GPSA will have a link on the website, and we will advertise these meetings to WSU graduate students.
 - Questions about the campaign? GPSA members cannot use current GPSA resources, but they can campaign using their own resources or their own communication means. They can use their own social media and resources to advertise.
 - Madison recommended structuring the rules around campaigning during this year but making the rules official for next year. We need a more structured policy on campaigning within the bylaws. There is a need to define what is the campaign period, what they are allowed to do, and what are some potential punishments if someone violates those bylaws.
 - February 3rd and 10th, GPSA will have an interest meeting for elections. Nazua wants to know whether to get tables and should we make information resources.

- You can go to the front desk and they can help you.
 - Everyone has their own personal link, so we should send them to their own personal email.
 - Andrew can make interest fliers and infographics.
 - ROAR Program Event Interest Form: Matt
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6vdRVzIs6wmfXorUwblswTwatSBcSgy_C9b6r-27BR6ltQ/viewform
 - GPSA wants to do an event with the ROAR program. This event is still being worked on, but ROAR is looking for some volunteers from GPSA to help with the event. This link is meant to help get an idea of how many people are willing to volunteer.
- **Committee updates**
 - Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki
 - CougDay at the capitol took place this week. We met with 102 meetings.
 - 7 grad students attended.
 - Worked on some bills for childcare, housing, and graduate research.
 - Had a meeting with TAG to meet with the Senate in February to increase the student fees.
 - Madison asked about the current Federal funding pausing. She was wondering if there are conversations around the Washington Graduate Student Alliance around these events and issues.
 - Washington Graduate Student Alliance is not fully sure, but they are in conversations around different university presidents. We are planning to go to DC in March to address and advocate for these issues.
 - Programming: Md. Redwan Ahmad Khan
 - Feb 28 is the Tokyo Soule event for a \$15 discount for the first 30 students.
 - Working on March events.
 - Madison brought up that ASWSU and College Hill want to do a Community Downtown event. They are interested in Restaurant Friday, but they want to know how to go about the logistics around it.
 - Madison will get Redwan connected with ASWSU.
 - Matt also said he can also help.

- Communication: Andrew Sutherland
 - The first election application announcement went out today. There will be two more for the next few weeks.
 - Working on promoting a few event announcements that will be taking place for PDI and Programming.
- Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye
 - Encourage the amount of money you have in your account. Exec members can contact Desmond to talk more about how much is in your budget.
 - RSO communication has been finished. Most members have received their funding, but we might open up some sponsorships.
- Travel Grants: Austine Attah
 - The committee has started filtering applications. The deadline is on Sunday for January travel.
 - With the college, we are working with the other senators to remind the dean to fulfill their commitment.
 - We have a professional development grant for travel, but they need approval from their advisor/department.
 - An email from a Senator was sent asking “why do people need to spend money for the travel before they receive their reimbursement.”
 - We need to improve and explain in more detail why we do reimbursement rather than pay for everything ahead of time.
- Community Affairs: Madison Hönig
 - Finalizing Spring semester schedule for events
 - March 18: Affordable cooking event with PDI
 - March 7: Barbie Movie Event
 - Collaborating with College Hill for Pizza for the Planet events, which will help the Phoenix Conservatory.
 - ASWSU and College Hill is organizing a downtown event. We might organize a Lecture in a Bar event.
 - We have received a sponsorship from the Franklin Foxes for a walk-a-thon at the Franklin Elementary School. We are looking to offer to sponsor \$150.
- Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris

- The email was sent out about the election and the application process has gone out.
 - Feb 3 and Feb 10 will have an interesting coffee session.
 - The next week will focus on communication and organizing the election.
- PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud
 - 2 events took place today. Headshot and Python.
 - The next event is Feb 6th in collaboration with the library.
 - 2/6 - ICPSR Essentials: Navigating the Social Science Data Archive | Professional Development Initiative | Washington State University
 - 2/11 - Association for Faculty Women Collaboration: Equity-Minded Research with Dr. Lisa Guerrero | Professional Development Initiative | Washington State University
 - All the PDI events have an online option.
 - Organizing more professional headshot events.
 - Current conversations about our Grammarly subscription due to less interest in the subscription.
- Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah
 - We are currently reviewing abstracts for the Research Expo next week.
 - Academic Showcase should have their list of the accepted and rejected abstracts in 2-weeks.
 - This year, posters will be 36 x 48. We are doubling the size of the posters.
 - Excellence awards nominations are still open.
- University and Student Affairs: Ajay
 - ROAR Program as previously mentioned.
 - Frame donation is where people can donate their old glasses for those in need.
 - Andrew and Madison will work on the organizing this.