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[GPSA Senate Absence Request Form](#)

[GPSA Senate Attendance Spreadsheet](#)

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 is the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #4 Minutes
 - Approved as written
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #5 Agenda
 - Approved as written
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - Call for Photos
 - Social Media Photo Request
 - Photos of graduate and professional students wearing masks.
 - Please provide a short statement about why you wear a mask.
 - Will be used to create a short video for sharing in the social media for showing the support.
 - Send here: gpsa.internal@wsu.edu

Call for photos for social media



"I wear a mask to keep the
Coug community safe!"



- We are putting together a short clip for social media showing why graduate students support the statewide COVID-19 measures.
- To participate in this project, please send a photo of yourself in a mask to gpsa.internal@wsu.edu with a short statement about why you wear a mask.
 - Send pictures with a typed statement or take a picture with the statement showing in the photo.
 - No need to include your name or any other personal information.



- BGSFA Family Fun Week
 - Flyers to be sent by Sam; link will be included.
 - Free, easy and education- virtual family activity.



- The VP Corner
 - Reminders
 - Attendance
 - A senator may be absent from no more than 20% of the regularly scheduled Senate meetings each semester. This means no more than one excused absence.
 - Senator may provide a proxy to replace themselves for one regularly scheduled senate meeting each semester and the attendance of the Proxy constitutes attendance by the Senate.
 - If proxy is to be sent, the Senator must notify the chair of the Senate and provide the name and contact information of the proxy by Friday 17:00 before the meeting
 - Proxy cannot vote
 - Proxy must sign and verify whom they are replacing.
 - Proxy must be a member of GPSA.
 - Senators will receive a warning letter from the executive board (Jenn, Dalton, Sam) and all other committee chairs in the event of



more than one excused, and any unexcused absences. This can lead to loss of the position and the scholarship.

- PDI Updates
 - [Work and Wellness Discussion Series: Outliers](#)
 - October 26 @, 12:00-1:00 pm
 - [Panel Discussion: A view of Entrepreneurship & Patents outside Academia](#)
 - November 3 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- Programming Updates
 - [GPSA Presents our first Virtual Cooking and Dining event](#)
 - October 23 @ 6:30 pm -8 pm
- Community Affairs Updates
 - [Community Engagement](#)
 - [Community Affairs Spotlight](#)
 - Opportunities to highlight students' research dedicated to serve the community. If you know anyone whose research has an impact on the community, feel free to nominate them.
 - [GPSA Sponsorships](#)
 - Does your organization, club, or group want to provide a service or program which supports graduate and professional students at WSU? GPSA has funding available to sponsor events that promote the interests of GPSA graduate and professional student members. Find out more at [GPSA Sponsorships](#)
- [Get Involved with the Community](#)
 - Volunteers & Groups
 - Volunteer Management
 - Service-Learning
 - Civic Engagement
 - Corporate Social Responsibility
 - Races and Runs
 - Festivals, Conferences, Events
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Animal & Pet Centers
 - Museums, Galleries, Smithsonians
 - Food Rescue, Campus Kitchens & Pantries
 - United Way, HandsOn, Volunteer Centers
 - City, Municipality, Government
- [Get involved with GPSA!](#)



- Open University Committees
 - Anyone can apply
 - [Remind students of your department that positions are available](#)
 - It is greatly beneficial to have grad/prof student voices on these committees!
 - Athletics Council
 - WSU Annual Memorial Committee
 - Healthy Cougs Campaign
 - Professional Health Sciences Committee
 - Academic Integrity Committee
 - Parking Appeals Committee
 - Cultural Competency
 - Graduate Studies Committee
 - Cultural Resource Center
 - Gender Inclusive/Trans Support
 - Driver's Safety Committee
 - Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center Advisory Council
- Travel Grants
 - Fall applications October 2 – November 1
 - Funding opportunities

Travel Grant

- ❑ Open Fall (2) applications: 10/02/20 - 11/01/20
- ❑ Funding Opportunities for In-person & Virtual Events:
 - ✓ *The Conference Travel grant*
 - ✓ *Wetlab/Workshop Travel Grant*
 - ✓ *Professional & Career Development Travel Grant*
 - ✓ *Internship, Preceptorship & Intercampus Travel Grant*

- Community Affairs Updates
 - Jenn:
 - Grad student spotlight for Community Engagement.
 - For nomination send an email to gpsa.community@wsu.edu
 - Sponsorship: Change in budget. GPSA has funding available to sponsor events that promotes the interest of WSU graduate and



professional student members.

<https://gpsa.wsu.edu/funding/sponsorships/>

- Get involved: <https://www.givepulse.com/group/295834-Community-Grounded-Grad-Students-CGGS>

- Open University Committees

- Talk about opening and opportunity.
- Children's Center Resources



Although the Evening Care program at WSU Children's Center is suspended for the fall semester due to COVID-19, we continue to provide fun and engaging activities for your children! We are partnering with GPSA to present family fun bags and resource newsletters throughout the year. Our kickoff event will be this week.

GPSA FAMILY FUN Halloween Activity Bag Pick Up details:

Thursday October 29th, 2020

Children's Center at 1425 Olympia Avenue

Time: between 5:45p.m. - 6:30p.m.

Distribution will be in front of the building

Infants- Toddlers, Preschoolers and school-age (k-5). Registration is not required. The bags will have some arts and crafts materials, family fun ideas and a few Halloween surprises.

When picking up your bag please remember to:

- Keep social distancing of 6 feet
- Wear a Mask
- Take a bag for each age child in your family

Create at home Halloween/Harvest Games:



Using rope, string, yarn or streamers wrap create a giant spider web. Children and adults can use their large motor skills to maneuver under or stepping over



- Rolled socks
- Assorted bowls, baskets or boxes
- Toss the socks into the bowl, basket, box!

Great for developing eye hand coordination

Try it on laundry day for family fun

Did you know: toddlers and preschooler can use their fine motor skills as they sort socks and pair them together!



If you have any questions or would like parenting resource information please contact Heather or Emily at the WSU Children's Center: (509)335-8847. Please mention you are with GPSA when calling so we can direct your call!

- Graduate Student Concerns

- Sandte- Sociology Department

- Speak to the department regarding the concerns that grad students might encounter in time of Covid.
- What have other departments done in terms of deadline extensions or other policy changes that have happened in different departments because of Covid19?
- Students are facing various levels of challenges in staying motivated because of lack of faculty feedback because of the same problem.
- Student concerns about stipend in response to Covid19.



- Please feel free to email concerns regarding COVID to Sandte if you are not comfortable speaking out at: sandte.stanley@wsu.edu
 - Open house- If not public but email.
 - Kathryn Manis, English response- the grad school does not extend deadline- unofficially departments may do things differently; there is so much they can do when grad school hasn't done anything officially.
 - Sam- Individual faculty helpful with extending deadlines, but it is nothing official.
 - Neuroscience Dept- No change in deadline.
 - Jenn- if there are a lot of deep issues about grad school guidelines we can approach the Dean at our next meeting. Let GPSA know of any struggles you are having.
 - Ninh Khuu- Involves lab work. Is there a way to find out if there is any COVID cases in the department?
 - Notification about the COVID-19 cases to the entire building, concerns and feedback.
 - Feedback:
 - HIPAA covers privacy in terms individuals.
 - Extension center, the privacy cannot be disclosed- it is up to the individual requirement if they talk- map of the building and that way the person can notify the areas they have accessed.
 - There have been cases known but the official record says there hasn't been any.
 - Inform the students to check with the university policy, no mass concern so far.
 - Doesn't it depend on the "close contact" categorization by the school? They cannot disclose WHO because that is a HIPAA violation.
 - WSU seems to be a little more relaxed than University of Idaho since we are not holding in person classes.
 - Current procedure issues will be discussed with the Exec Board's meeting with Associate Vice Presidents on Wed (added to the agenda). Figure the procedure WSU is currently using. If not enough we shall progress with the concerns of especially with students who have to go to the lab.
- 6:00 | Guest Speaker – [Dr. Kenneth Lokensgard](#), Assistant Director of Center for Native American Research and Collaboration
- Native American Graduate Student Centre
 - Indigenous Graduate and Professional Students Association
 - Office of Tribal Relations and Native American Programs (Provost Office)
 - Tribal relations
 - Centre for Native American Research and Collaboration



- Native Student Support Service
 - Tribal Nation Building Leadership Program for Undergrads.
 - [Native American Programs](#)
 - WSU and Native America
 - Funding: As early as March, awards for fiscal year 2018/2019 totaled \$10,957,269. 27 million more pending (pending based upon searches of Indigenous “Tribal”, “Native American”, “American Indian”, and “Alaskan Native” in proposal title)
 - Students- WSU has approx. 700 Native American undergrads. WSU has approx. 130 graduate and professional students.
 - Tribes: 574 Federally Recognized Tribes in US. 29 Federally Recognized Tribes in WA.
 - Indigenous Grad and Professional Student Association.
 - Facebook group: WSUIGPSA
 - 27 members from various discipline and fields
 - Serves all Indigenous students and Students engage in “Indigenous Research”
 - [Centre for Native American Research and Collaboration](#)
 - Ethical concern
 - Research by and for Indigenous
 - Not only IRB reviewed but tribes themselves.
 - Govt-Govt legislation: Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments (President Clinton, 2000). Relevant text from the order follows:
 - Sec. 5. Consultation. (a) Each agency shall have an accountable process to ensure meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.
 - [Centennial Accord \(WA State, 1989\)](#)
 - [Millennium Agreement \(WA State, 1999\)](#)
 - [Resources for Collaborative Research with Indigenous Communities](#)
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- 6:15-6:20 | Dialogue with Dr. Lokensgard
 - [This is where senators should be prepared to ask questions of our guest speaker. They have taken time out to reach out to us and want to hear from you. Having no questions or comments shows that we have no feedback to provide. That is seldom the case!]
 - Open Questions:
 - Considering the food security issues, is the food given out to everybody?
 - The priority is the Native American student but since there has not been enough takers, it can be provided for all. Usually the 1st Friday of the month. Food pickup is for everybody since there is enough.




- Suggestions for slide share to share with the department/constituents.
- Pow Wow, Beasley- any plan something like that?
- Social Distanced group of Pow Wow. Student club lead involvement- Grad native American. Series of online event. Spring will be like Fall.
- Sam- Thanks for time. Sharing information.

- 6:20-6:25 | Break
 - Resumed at 6:27.
- 6:40-6:50 Open Floor
 - Breakout Rooms – Items for Discussion:
 - Assign a spokesperson.
 1. Thoughts on Spring term;
 2. Changes you would like to see;
 3. Questions for Provost Chilton for upcoming Town Hall on October 30th
 - After discussion Senators will have time to voice their responses.
 - Sam Group:
 1. Travel not a good idea; isn't the extended winter break and single days off encourage it?
 2. Spring Break usually used for writing and catch up.
 3. Smaller classes should be face to face. Safety measures. Consideration, tech- own virtual class. Smaller classes can have in person interaction.
 - Mikala Meize Group:
 1. Lab related concern.
 2. Why cancel spring break when people travel winter.
 3. Text message- Okta, time and resources.
 4. Healthcare – mental healthcare suggestion.
 - Arian Group:
 1. Student raise
 2. No separate facility. Request for any chance for meeting in library.
 - Mark Batcheler Group:
 1. Affect mental health
 2. Ask prof to give time off for spring break.
 3. Will there be any lag in pay schedule?
 4. Virtually might affect the assistants.
 5. What do we need because of change- suggestion of a Poll.
 - Rabayet Sadnan Group
 - How is university dealing with the students in frat and sorority houses?
- 6:50 - 7:00 | New Business




- [RSO Spring Application Period](#)
 - Opened until November 10
- [Student Voting Hubs](#) (10/30, 11/2, and 11/3)
- [Town Hall](#) – October 30th from 4-5pm with Provost Chilton
 - 2nd GPSA Town Hall

**GPSA Town Hall with
Provost Chilton**



October 30th, 2020
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

If you have any questions or concerns you would like GPSA or Provost Chilton to address, please submit them here:
https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6R0tidlwcr0unsx



YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/3XscU_vxI6j

- 7:00 | Miscellaneous items
 - Check-Out Question – What do you find to be the most difficult thing about working virtually?**
- 7:15 | Adjournment



GPSA Executive Board Reports

GPSA Executive Board Reports October 10th - October 23rd , 2020

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
 - Worked to finalize S&A budget outline and PPT
 - Created Working groups breakdown and application
 - Reviewed all working group applications
 - Finalized details for October Town Hall with Provost Chilton
 - Created executive board agendas
 - Created Community Affairs agenda
 - Finished delivering items for COVID kits
- Meetings Attended
 - Attended SGC meeting on Spring 2021 plans
 - Attended GPSA Senate
 - Attended College Hill Matters committee meeting
 - Attended Cougs Vote meeting
 - Held GPSA office meetings
 - Chaired S&A Fee committee hearings and deliberations
 - Attended SGC series on student pay structure
 - Attended WSA General Assembly
 - Met with Pullman Civic Trust to discuss GPSA collaborations
 - Met with Community Affairs committee
 - Led GPSA Executive Board meeting
 - Attended WSU Town Hall
 - Met with THE new Executive Director of Cougar Health Services
 - Attended monthly GPSA budget meeting
 - Attended Faculty Senate
 - Attended Athletics Council meeting
 - Attended GPSA programming event

Vice President's Report – Samantha Edgerton

- Tasks Completed
 - Prepared PPT and S&A fee presentation
 - Presented on behalf of GPSA, along with Rachel Wong and Arian Karimitar,
 - Created Senate Meeting #4 agenda



- Facilitated Senate Meeting #4
- Edited and sent Senate Meetings #3 & 4 Minutes
- Answered questions related to RSO Trainings and funding
- Reviewed and approved PCard Authorizations and ETR requests
- Chaired Budget Committee meeting
- Meetings Attended
 - S&A recipient presentation
 - Biweekly meetings with GPSA Exec Team and Advisor
 - Weekly GPSA Executive Board Meetings
 - Healthy Cougs Steering Committee
 - Met with Chloe regarding budget/RSO questions
 - Meet & Greet with Joel Schwartzkopf, new Executive Director of Cougar Health Services
 - GPSA monthly budget meeting
 - SGC Emergency Meeting on Spring Break Plans

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report – James Dalton

- Tasks Completed
 - Submitted funding and registration request for NAGPS National Conference
 - Presented WSA lobbying proposal at WSA General Assembly
 - Submitted 2020 Voter Guide to WSU Libraries and Cougs Vote Campaign
 - Reviewed S&A proposals
 - Worked on Bill of Rights
 - Edited SGC letter in response to Spring Break
 - Submitted mask picture and comment for GPSA mask campaign
 - Reviewed WSA Legislative Proposals
- Meetings Attended
 - SGC Meeting on Spring 2021 plans
 - SGC Meeting regarding online instruction
 - GPSA Senate
 - Veterans Task Force Meeting
 - Veterans Task Force Subcommittee Meeting
 - Cougs Vote Meeting
 - GPSA Office Meeting
 - SGC Emergency Meeting on Spring Break Plans
 - S&A Fee Committee Proposal Meetings
 - S&A Fee Committee Deliberations
 - GPSA Legislative Affairs Committee
 - Met with Executive Director of Cougar Health Services
 - Meeting with Legislative Liaisons from GPSS and WSU Health Sciences

Chair of Awards and Scholarships – Rabayet Sadnan

- Tasks Completed
 - Strategic Planning
- Meetings Attended
 - Senate Meeting



- Exec Meeting
- A&S Committee Meeting

Chair of Communications Report – Adnan Mohamed

- Attended Executive Board meetings (Oct 19) and took minutes
- Worked on GPSA Monday Minutes, submitted, and approval is in progress for November 2, 2020
- Updated GPSA website
- Posted on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
- Worked with GPSA CAHNRS Senators to share GPSA work and resources with CAHNRS students
- Facilitated and moderated the CAHNRS representatives meeting with CAHNRS Dean Dr. Wright (October 23)
- Attended GPSA Senate Meeting (October 12) and took Senate Minutes

Temporary Chair of Community Affairs – VACANT

Chair of Internal Affairs Report – Mikala Meize

- Tasks Completed
 - IAC forms updated with IAC members
 - Started department contact list with IAC members
 - Updated mask project
 - Created IAC meeting agenda
- Meetings Attended
 - Chaired IAC meeting
 - Attended Senate
 - Attended Exec meetings

Chair of Programming Report – Rachel Wong

- Meetings:
 - Attended Exec Board meeting
 - Check in with committee member on upcoming GPSA dining event
 - Met with TaMisha to confirm dining event details
 - Met with Alex Pan (ASWSU) to plan GPSA Restaurant week
- Tasks:
 - Emailed participants GPSA dining event information
 - Coordinated with dining services to schedule pick up of ingredients
 - Facilitated pick up of dining event ingredients
 - Host GPSA virtual dining event
 - Received scoring sheets for GPSA photo competition
 - Prepared prize bags for winners of GPSA photo competition
 - Contacted restaurants for participation in GPSA's restaurant week

Chair of Professional Development Report – Anika VanDeen

- Tasks:
 - Put together gifts for speakers



- Set up teams chat with committee for better communication between meetings
- Gave instruction and assisted with events lead by committee members
- Led several PDI meetings
- Meetings:
 - 10/16 PDI committee Meeting
 - 10/19 PDI event Navigating Health Care for Graduate Students
 - 10/21 Hosted PDI event Courageous Conversations
 - 10/22 PDI Executive Board Meeting

Chair of Travel Grants Report – Arian Karimtar

- Tasks:
 - Follow up on travel reimbursement with awardees and Chloe Campbell
 - Prepare short presentation for a S&A meeting
 - Working on the revision of the grants
 - Responding emails
- Meetings:
 - 10/12 Senate Meeting
 - 10/13 S&A Meeting (short presence)
 - 10/15 Meeting with Chloe Campbell, TaMisha GreatHouse, and Reanne Cunningham (Providing opportunities for psychology students)
 - 10/20 GPSA Board Meeting

Chair of University and Student Affairs Report – Anastasia Vishnevskaya

Contact Anastasia Vishnevskaya for specific details at gpsa.university@wsu.edu