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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 is the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #5 Minutes
 - Approved as written
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #6 Agenda
 - Approved as written
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - Senator Nomination:
 - Voted and appointed Michael Martinez as senator for Chemistry department
 - **New Form – [Complaint/concern form](#)**
 - Holding ourselves accountable
 - Making the bylaws accessible
 - The form can be found under the resource page website
 - PDI Updates –
 - PDI events are concluded for the semester and December Writing Lock-in cancelled
 - Programming Updates
 - Restaurant Week



- [Mindfulness Training and Yoga Sessions](#)
 - Dr. Cecilia Richards, November 18th, 4-5pm
 - Dr. Anne Cox, November 19th, 4-5pm
- Christmas Bingo advertisements will be out soon
- Other Announcements
 - [Veterans Day Celebration on Wednesday 11th](#)
- **Open Committees**
 - Speak to respective departments to get participation
- **Graduate Student Concerns**
 - Most departments pay to get prints. The concern was raised so GPSA can act upon it and come up with a solution
- **5:45 | Guest Speaker – [Penny Martinez](#), Pullman Veterans Coordinator, WSU Office of Veterans Affairs**
 - An update on the population of veterans in WSU with around 247 veterans from Pullman
 - Lot of Staff involved in Veterans Day Celebration
 - Various trainings are provided for veterans in WSU Campus
 - Veterans are provided with certain facilities
 - In case benefits are exhausted, WSU offers tuition fee waivers
- **6:00-6:05 | Dialogue with Penny –**
 - Information on Veterans Suicide Rate and if actions are taken to prevent so? Response: Psychology department has a contract, so they keep track. We have limited Psychologists here in the area and that makes it difficult
 - Are there stigmas regarding the veterans that we should be aware of? Response: There are stigmas, but all are not true, and one has to be simply supportive.
 - Are there specific programs to recruit veterans? Response: New approaches are being worked upon as Washington has the 2nd highest population of Veterans in US.
- **6:10 | Guest Speaker – [Bobbie Ryder](#), President of Pullman Civic Trust**
 - Colfax- Albion-Pullman Rail-Trail Opportunity – Railbanking and trail building for multimodal transportation and economic vitality is on the way



- Pullman Civic Trust (PCT) is a non-profit volunteer organization of more than 700 community-minded citizens of the Palouse that has completed many projects like Bill Chipman Palouse Trail, Three-Forks Wayside, River Park waterfall and Pine Street Bridge & Plaza
 - The issue is that PCC railway corridor has remained idle since 2006 – Trestle between Colfax and Albion burned in 2006 and this section has remained idle for the last 14 years. Lack of traffic demand opens the door for railbanking and trail creation
 - WSDOT agreeing to railbank requires legislative approval
 - Railbanking opportunities: Saves WSDOT money when maintenance is done by a trail management group that procured funding from dues and donations, frees up valuable assets for use elsewhere, provides year-round transportation and preserves taxpayer investment
 - Next Steps: Create railbanking entity, introduce legislation to railbanking, fund raising for trail building
- **6:25-6:30 | Dialogue with Bobbie –**
 - Are there any other examples of trails other than Palouse? Response: There are many like Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail, Levee Trail in Lewiston Idaho, Community of Concrete, Washington has an ongoing project.
 - Link for Trails: <https://www.railstotrails.org/our-work/united-states/washington/#state>
 - Is fund raising on hold given the current situation? Response: Yes, it is. Currently raising goodwill.
 - How may we as a WSU community contribute to this? Is it by voting for it to be passed regarding funding? Response: Speak to President Schulz and convince him to be onboard as railbanking has to go through a federal process.

[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!

The best way to prepare is to 1) reach out to your constituents: Ask, “What would you want to say to the Director of CHS.” 2) Do some research: Not a lot, but poke around the website and make sure you know a thing or two. 3) Listen actively: If you aren’t actively listening to the guest speaker, are you best serving the student body?]

- **6:30-6:35 Break – 6.34 pm – 6.39pm**
- **6:30-6:45 Open Floor**
 - Please create a wish list of guest speakers for Spring semester. After discussion, we will take some time to hear responses.
 - **Responses:**
 - Invite someone from the first-generation honour society board
 - Bring in a faculty member to talk about their expectations and requirements from students and address student diversity



- Invite someone from the Financial Aid department
 - Someone to speak on job market involvement
 - Someone from International Programs Office to speak on how situation is changing for International Students
 - Have Dean Gloss speak more
 - Invite someone from the WSU housing to speak on and address issues that students face
 - Someone from Pullman Community Service.
- 6:45 - 7:00 | New Business
 - **VP Corner – [RSO Fall Applications Deadline Reminder](#)**
 - All documents and applications for reimbursements should be submitted by 13th Nov
 - **Senator and Committee Member Duties –**
 - Senators will attend meetings of the GPSA Senate
 - Senators will communicate to their constituents in their respective academic units or professional programs the actions taken by the Senate, the Executive Board, or their designated representative(s)
 - Senators will complete other tasks as assigned by the GPSA Senate, the GPSA Executive Board or the committee of the GPSA.
 - **Department Cuts –**
 - The Services and Activities Fees Committee recommended a reduction to our 2020-21 allocation in the amount of \$37,726
 - Revised S&A Fees allocation is now \$501224
 - \$25 of previously approved S&A fees will not be collected for Spring
 - The ongoing uncertainty of available resources due to Covid-19 may impact future allocations
 - **Updated Budget Vote –** Approved as written
- 7:00 | **WSA** – Will be discussed at next senate meeting
- 7:10 | **Checkout question** – What do you miss most about life before COVID-19?
- Adjourned at 7.15pm**



GPSA Executive Board Reports October 24th - November 6th, 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
 - Reported to Daily Evergreen on S&A Fee changes
 - Planned 2nd GPSA Town Hall
 - Recorded video to WSU Veteran's Day video
 - Created GPSA group on new WSU engagement platform
 - Created agendas:
 - Community Affairs Committee
 - GPSA Exec Board
 - Meetings with WSU Administrators
- Meetings Attended
 - Met with advisor TaMisha to discuss GPSA projects/concerns
 - Attended GPSA Senate
 - Led weekly GPSA Exec Board meetings
 - Met with AVPS to discuss GPSA concerns and get information
 - Met with Bobbie with Pulman Civic Trust to discuss collaboration on CAP project
 - Met with GPSA Housing work group
 - Met with student involvement to discuss RSO funding
 - Attended WSU town halls to gather any important information pertaining to GPS
 - Hosted 2nd GPSA Town Hall
 - Met with Children's Center to discuss services for GPS
 - Met with GPSA Community Affairs committee
 - Attended new engagement platform feedback session
 - Attended Faculty Senate

Vice President's Report – Samantha Edgerton

- Tasks Completed
 - Created Senate Meeting #5 agenda
 - Facilitated Senate Meeting #5
 - Edited and emailed Senate Meetings #5 Minutes
 - Answered questions related to RSO trainings and funding
 - Revised Budget
 - Chaired Budget Committee meeting
 - Reviewed and approved PCard Authorizations and ETR requests
 - Explored Presence
 - Researched and presented RSO non-payment history
- Meetings Attended
 - GPSA Exec Board meetings



- Met with GPSA Leadership and GPSA Advisor TaMisha
- Met with Student Affairs AVPs
- Met with Student Affairs, GPSA Advisor, and financial services regarding RSO non-payments
- Served as moderator for GPSA Town Hall
- Faculty Senate
- Attended WSU Town Halls
- Presence feedback session
- GPSA Affiliate Funding

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report – James Dalton

- Tasks Completed
 - Explored Presence
 - Created agendas and chaired Legislative Affairs Committee
 - Followed Election Results
 - Worked on WSU Veterans Day Video
 - Worked on Bill of Rights
 - Filmed get out the vote video
- Meetings Attended
 - Met with GPSA Leadership and GPSA Advisor TaMisha
 - Attended GPSA Senate
 - Attended GPSA Exec Board
 - Met with Student Affairs AVPs
 - Met with Bobbie from Pullman Civic Trust
 - Met with WSU Veterans Task Force
 - Met with WSU Veterans Subcommittee
 - Attended WSU Town Halls
 - Tech Support for GPSA Town Hall
 - GPSA Legislative Affairs Committee
 - Met with UWs GPSS Legislative Liaison and WSU Health Sciences VPLA
 - Attended Cougs Vote Meetings

Chair of Awards and Scholarships – Rabayet Sadnan

- Tasks Completed
 - Explored Presence
 - Advertising Dissertation Grant
 - Provided feedback to Course Fee Committee on "Request to abolish the \$5 Course Fee Withdrawal Fee"
- Meetings Attended
 - Senate
 - Exec board meetings

Chair of Communications Report – Adnan Mohamed

- Tasks Completed
 - Attended Executive Board meetings (Oct 27 & Nov 3) and took minutes



- Worked on GPSA Monday Minutes, submitted, and approval is in progress for November 16, 2020
- Updated GPSA website
- Posted on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
- Attended GPSA Senate Meeting (October 26) and took Senate Minutes
- Meetings Attended
 - Attended Executive Board meetings (Oct 27 & Nov 3)
 - Attended GPSA Senate Meeting (October 26)

Temporary Chair of Community Affairs – VACANT

Chair of Internal Affairs Report – Mikala Meize

- Tasks Completed
 - IAC forms updated on website
 - Created IAC meeting agenda
 - Scheduled Healthcare working group meeting
 - Mask project
 - IAC nomination review
- Meetings Attended
 - Senate
 - Exec board meetings
 - Healthcare working group
 - WSU PD Advisory Board
 - WSU PD Advisory Board Trust & Community Sub-Committee

Chair of Programming Report – Rachel Wong

- Meetings:
 - Senate Meeting
 - GPSA Exec board meetings
 - Restaurant Week planning meetings
 - Student Media Board meeting
 - CUB advisor board meeting
 - GPSA Healthcare working group
- Tasks:
 - Advertised upcoming restaurant week
 - Meet with restaurant vendors for restaurant week
 - Organize upcoming Programming Meeting

Chair of Professional Development Report – Anika VanDeen

- Tasks:
 - Lead PDI event: Work and Wellness Discussion Series: Outliers
 - Set up PDI committee member to lead 2 events
 - Emails
 - Created IRI for event payment



- Spoke with TaMisha about how interdepartmental mail is working to send out speaker thank yous
- Moderated chat for the GPSA townhall with Provost Chilton
- Meetings:
 - Senate
 - Exec Board Meeting
 - PDI Exec Meeting

Chair of Travel Grants Report – Arian Karimitar

- Tasks:
 - Respond emails
 - Contact Zoomgrants service and solve technical problems within the platform
 - Go through renewal documents of the Zoomgrants yearly contract
 - Prepare and assign Fall 2 applications
- Meetings:
 - 10/26 Senate Meeting
 - 10/27 & 11/3 GPSA Executive Board Meetings
 - 10/11 GPSA Town Hall
 - 11/5 Meeting with Chloe Campbell (Prepare Invoice purchase for Zoomgrants contract)

Chair of University and Student Affairs Report – Anastasia Vishnevskaya

- Tasks Completed
 - WSU Committees updates
 - WSU committees file updates
 - GPSA University Affairs Updates (data, working groups)
 - Preps: Stipends Working Group
 - Preps: Admins Meetings
 - Strategic Plan Agenda Updates
- Meetings Attended
 - Senate 10/26
 - Exec Board Meetings 10/27; 11/3
 - GPSA Town Hall 10/11
 - RAC 10/28