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Here's the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #4 Minutes
 - Approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #5 Agenda
 - Approved

- 5:31 | Announcements
 - PDI Events
 - Submitting Your Thesis and Dissertation: Daniel Vickoren and Kelly Caraher from the Graduate School, and WSU librarians Debra Spidal and Talea Anderson: Oct 24 @ 10:00 am
 - Question from Senator: There are several dates that appear for this event, which is correct?
 - Answer: Refer to the website for the correct date
 - Networking and Building Your LinkedIn Presence: Dr. Isaiah Hankel (The Cheeky Scientist): Oct. 26 @ 3:00 pm
 - On the Spokane Campus
 - Stress Relief and Mindfulness: Dr. Anne Cox and Eleanor Dizon: Nov. 1 @ 2:00 pm
 - Programming
 - Bowling Night @ Zeppoz Recap
 - Friendsgiving at Etsi Bravo
 - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 - Food by Black Cypress | First come first serve
 - Question from Senator: Are graduate student services available for post-docs?
 - Answer: Reach out to the executive committee for specific needs
 - Graduate and Professional Community Events
 - CSS Graduate Students: Halloween "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat"
 - Canned food drive on Halloween night collecting goods for local food banks
 - [Facebook link](#)
 - [Google doc](#)
 - Those interested should contact Carsten Voelkner: carsten.voelkner@wsu.edu



- Mental Health Trainings
 - [Sign up for trainings for responding to someone in crisis](#)
 - Oct. 23 @ 12:00 pm (2 hours)
 - Nov. 15 @ 12:30 pm (2 hours)
 - Interest from some senators for Coug Health to hold an evening training - please talk to your constituents.
- AVP/Dean of Students Search
 - Finalists will be announced soon
 - Three Candidates on campus Oct. 24-25, Oct. 29-30, & Nov. 5-6
 - Watch emails for events
- Legislative Affairs
 - Mental Health Speaker Series
 - October 24th – Resilience documentary presentation in Todd 276, at 3:30 p.m. A second showing with a panel discussion to follow will take place at 5:30 p.m. in CUE 203.
 - November 13th – Michelle Poler, speaker on mental health stigmas, will speak at 5:30 p.m. in the CUB Junior Ballroom.
 - January 23rd-24th – Ross Szabo, “Behind Happy Faces”
 - 2018 Midterm Engagement Events
 - October 30th – Election Issues Student Debate hosted by CCE and the WSU Poli. Sci. Club in Butch’s Den starting at 5 p.m.
 - November 6th – Election Night watch party hosted by the CUB and CCE in the CUB Lair, starting at 5 p.m.
- 5:40 | Guest Speaker
 - Joan King, Associate Vice President and Chief University Budget Officer (Newly Retired): Speaking on university budgets and long-term balanced budget plans. [Copy of slides available here.](#)
 - Overview of university budget
 - Approx. 40% of total operating budget is available for President Schultz to allocate for core university functions
 - Used on research, education, and outreach
 - 85% of this is for personnel
 - Deans have a lot of authority within college over budgets
 - Departments and colleges retain carryover, and are encouraged to build reserves
 - First year of cuts was a success
 - University recovered 22 million in reserve
 - Not clear yet what savings will be permanent



- Drive to 25
 - Deans have stipulations tied to funds
 - Deans are pressured to carry out drive to 25 strategic plan

- 5:50 | Dialogue with Joan King
 - Question from Senator: If TA salaries come from the core funding, who do we approach about TA stipends
 - Answer: Start by contacting the grad school about recommended pay levels. Then contact individual deans.
 - Question from Senator: How do we lobby for budget changes at the legislative level?
 - Answer: Contact the graduate school and the provosts and ask them to advocate for graduate student salaries.
 - Q: What can the university do to prevent the budget situation in the future, what mistakes can we avoid?
 - A: Not over invest in too many ideas at one time.
 - Q: Are carryforwards considered when allocating funds to different colleges and departments?
 - A: No, carryover is encouraged to build up reserves within colleges and departments.

- 6:30-6:45 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds

- 6:45 | Open Floor
 - Open Discussion: How was College Gameday? After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to ypgpsa@wsu.edu.
 - The good:
 - The town of Pullman did a good job managing traffic.
 - Brought positive media attention to Pullman.
 - The town and college were well represented in the media.
 - The bad:
 - Getting to campus and parking for students who need to get to their labs and run experiments for example.
 - It was not inclusive: some students, especially international, did not understand why it was a big deal.
 - Some loading docks were blocked off, noise was disruptive.
 - Pullman emergency services were busy and hard to utilize
 - Please forward any other stories to David or Amir.



- Items from the gallery
 - None
- 7:00 - 7:30 | New Business
 - 3-5 people are needed to test the campus mobile app if interested contact Amir
 - If you are interested in grant writing opportunities contact David
 - Research & Extension (R&E) Center Student Meeting Recap
 - Held at Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center ([WSU Prosser IAREC](#))
 - Margaret McCoy spoke on the event, life on a R&E Center, and next steps for reducing the gap in services provided to R&E students
 - Approx. 65 R&E students from 6 departments, 25 attended meeting
 - R&E students classification as Pullman students causes issues with:
 - Stipends, UREC access, mental health and medical services.
 - Housing is limited.
 - Questions for Margaret McCoy
 - Question from Senator: Why does CAHNRS not keep record of which students are at R&E centers
 - Answer: It is a system level problem. The computer system does not differentiate between R&E and Pullman campus
 - Question from Senator: How can we advocate for R&E students to be given their own classification?
 - Answer: College level advocacy.
 - Senator requested floor time at end of meeting.
 - Granted without objection.
 - Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution/Discussion
 - Drafting resolution now
 - General goals and comments
 - Graduate Student Stipend Levels
 - Mini-presentation to start conversation
 - Deans and Chairs are extremely important
 - Any discussion needs to start at the department level
 - Senator suggested that we collect data on stipends, perhaps a survey



- Senator suggested cost of living data could be used to advocate for stipend increase
- Chinook and UREC fees
 - Currently working on a plan to potentially let grad students pick between which facility they want to use (Access to one or other not both). Would pay the same UREC fee.
 - Question from Senator: Why do we pay a fee voted on in 1998, the debt should have been paid?
 - Issue will be looked into
 - Question from Senator: What services do undergrads get?
 - Both, but they pay an extra fee
 - Follow up question: Why would we pay the higher UREC fee instead of the lower chinook fee?
 - Fees are pre-allocated, Senate voted down the chinook fee in 2015. Grad students can access both by paying Chinook fee out of pocket.
 - Question from Senator: Grad students get access to Down Under, would they get a choice?
 - Answer: will be brought up during next talks with execs
 - Additional comments can be emailed to David
- Chat 'n Chew with President Schultz
 - Nov. 13 ~5:30 Business Hospitality Center
- Legislative affairs
 - 2018 Midterm WA Initiatives Summary Document
 - Advocacy documents can be found online on CougSync
- RSO Affiliate Funding Open
 - Applications are on CougSync
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
 - Some senators have come in, more are encouraged
- Shima Shams given floor time
 - Department of Homeland Security is proposing a major change to the F1 visa. This would dramatically affect international graduate students who earn a Masters degree in the US and then go on to a Doctorate program. It would also impact international students who are in a doctorate program that takes 5 or more years to complete.
 - Stories are needed for effective advocacy
 - Stories from graduate students that are impacted can be sent to David, Amir, Josh, or Shima.
- Susan, Director of Internal Affairs given floor time



- Senate Housewarming event is on Nov. 8 at the Asian Pacific American Cultural House. Dinner will be provided.
- 7:30 | Adjournment