



- 5:30 | **Call to Order**
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #13 Minutes
    - Approved
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #14 Agenda
    - Approved
- Announcements & Events
  - **GPSA Grocery Reimbursement**
    - <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/resources/gpsa-grocery-reimbursement/>
    - Non-eligible: Pre-made hot foods, alcohol, supplements, medications, vitamins, and clothing.
    - Please be sure to sign form online to keep track of who is using reimbursements and email with any questions
    - ~250 graduates students have applied for reimbursement
  - **PDI Events (reminder: events will be held via Zoom)**
    - Stress Relief and Mindfulness Workshop via Zoom
      - [April 28, 2020; from 5:10–6:00 p.m.](#)
  - **GPSA Programming Committee Events**
    - **Photo Scavenger Hunt!** Now until April 30th. Submit photos to <https://tinyurl.com/gpsascavengerhunt2020> for a chance to win 1 of 10 gift cards for Ferdinand's ice cream (\$10 value)
    - **[Restaurant Week! April 28 - May 1st.](#)** Must have a Cougar Card with graduate or professional student designation. Alcohol is not included. \$5 off on us at the following local restaurants:
      - Rico's - Tuesday (11 am-8 pm)
      - Zoe's - Wednesday (6 am-8 pm)
      - O-Ramen- Thursday (11:30 am-8 pm)
      - Sella's - Friday (11:00am-1:30pm) & (4:30pm-8:00pm)
  - **[Office Hours with Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Gloss](#)**
    - April 29th: 2:00pm–4:00 pm
    - May 6th: 2:30pm–4:00 pm
  - **Evening Child Care Activity Packs!**
    - Activity Bags for Evening Care Participants
      - Staff is working on making activity bags and resource materials for the families enrolled in Evening Care. We will keep you posted on when the activity and family resource bags are distributed.
    - Also, see the [Children's Center Evening Care and Family Resources Newsletter](#).



- **Cougar Health Services: Mental Health During Pandemic**
  - Text “@STRESS” to 73940 to get personalized stress management techniques sent to your phone.
- **GPSA Community Affairs**
  - Crimson community grants are no longer accepting applications as they have reached the limit of allocated funds.
  - **Emergency funds and options:**
    - <https://www.studentaffairs.wsu.edu/initiatives/cougs-feeding-cougs/>
    - <https://provost.wsu.edu/ccg/>
  - **Other Financial Resources**
    - Other resources can be found at <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/resources/covid-19-information/>
  - BetterHelp is a great option for mental health and is covered by WSU Student insurance:  
<https://cougarhealth.wsu.edu/documents/2017/08/better-help.pdf/>
- **GPSA Communications Committee**
  - Be sure to follow GPSA on IG, FB, and Twitter!
  - **Grad students on Assistantships** – Use your \$200 vision benefit for glasses, prescription sunglasses, or contacts with WSU Health & Wellness Services! This service is still available. You just need to make an appt. in advance.
- **GPSA Budget Committee**
  - RSO Funding Applications awardees will be announced next week.
- **“The Gavel Ceremony”**
  - Welcome Vice President-Elect, Sam Edgerton
- **Open Floor**
  - President Remarks
    - Office hours are still available.
    - GPSA Zoom Office Hours
      - <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/339526856>
      - Meeting ID: 339 526 856, +1 669 900 9128
  - University Affairs
    - Census Survey Results
      - 258 Respondents, most of which were early PhD Pullman students with some responses from other campuses
      - Responses based on stipend: median stipend is step 38
      - Mean Monthly expenses: \$1492



- Of 19% receiving supplemental loans, they are more likely to have unfulfilled monthly expenses and less likely to afford a healthy diet
- Half of respondents have used a GPSA resource in the past 12 months, most are satisfied with GPSA services and events
- People are interested in improvements to health insurance and health services
- Questions about student insurance predominant in the survey
- Information on financial resources to help during the Covid-19 pandemic can be found on the GPSA website at:  
<https://gpsa.wsu.edu/resources/covid-19-information/>
- Announcements or updates:
  - Communications committee planning on social media posting for graduating Graduate students. You will see an announcement on social media on Wednesday, then will be in next Monday Minute as well. Please distribute the form; people can submit anytime. Deadline to submit is May 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
    - <https://wsu.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/405906>
- **Old Business**
  - Grocery Subsidy - Updates from the President
    - 150 reviewed, 100 more applications this week
    - ASWSU has allocated an additional \$10,000 to the program
    - Discussion on plans to increase funding to provide through summer, could be \$5000 a month for May, June, and July
  - Discussion on Bylaw change - Internal Affairs Committee
    - Need to make sure amendments are according to GPSA by-laws. Will need more than 2 weeks that was initially decided.
    - Question: why the vote needs to be unanimous - so the chair of the senate cannot make the decision
- **New Business**
  - Vote to amend Bylaws
    - Article I: The Senate, Section 3: Senate Voting
      - To be amended as follows:
        - E.) If the Chair of Senate declares a State of Emergency, the senate may vote on items outside of regularly scheduled Senate meetings, still subject to other Senate rules, and the Chair may call for votes digitally in a manner that best suits the emergency at hand as determined by the Chair.



- Discussion:
  - Amendment does not allow for the introduction of motions.
  - Amendment would not provide for adequate discussion of motions.
  - The Bylaws do not have a definition for “State of Emergency”.
- **Motion to Vote: Majority voted Nay. The motion did not pass.**
- Vote to confirm the nomination of 4 college representatives (Mikala Meize, Anika VanDeen, Halle Weimar, and Rabayet Sadnan)
  - Applicant for CAHNRS College representative did not submit approval of the Department before the deadline of 4/27/2020 5:30 p.m.
  - Discussion:
    - Q: Can we vote on them all together? A: Yes
    - Vacancy of CAHNRS college representative will go to special committee over the summer
  - **Motion to Vote: Ayes have it, motion passes**
- Vote on an increase to the grocery subsidy program
  - The motion: The senate authorizes a grocery subsidy program for graduate students with a budget of up to \$ 5,000 per month, which will begin on May 15th and may continue until the next regular senate meeting. Any decisions regarding the grocery subsidy program except for its budget limit may be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the executive board while the senate is not in session
  - Discussion:
    - Money will come out of next year’s budget if approved (at least after the end of the fiscal year at the end of June); following budget can be reallocated.
    - If money for all three months can be taken out right away, it could be used before a greater need emerges. Recommendation for approval to be structured such to spread out funding in case of further need.
    - Money would not be available until May 15th.
    - Ongoing discussions of future S&A cuts and budget reallocations mean the future is unknown.

**Motion to extend meeting by 30 min - motion passes.** Meeting extended to 7:30 pm.

- Concern about allocating maximum funds, since University may be cutting other Grad student funding
- **Motion to Vote:**
  - **The Ayes have it, the motion passes.**



- **Adjournment**
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.