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[Virtual Attendance sheet HERE](#)

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #8 Minutes
 - Approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #9 Agenda
 - Approved
- Guest Speakers
 - **Lisa Gloss** (lmgloss@wsu.edu), Dean of the Graduate School
 - Graduate school focuses on three areas: Service, Oversight, and Advocacy
 - If the graduate school can help, then please let them know. They want to be your advocates and serve you. They can give a voice and different perspectives on different issues.
 - [Office Hours with the Dean](#)
 - Dr. Gloss wants to be available to students. They want to hear your ideas on how to fix things.
 - PDI
 - [Graduate Mentor Academy](#)
 - Group of about 30–40 faculty that they help to be a graduate liaison. This is to help with preliminary/qualifying examinations. They automatically send a liaison if it is a second examination. Need to know about 15 days in advance when scheduling examinations (rather than the typical 10 days).
 - Make sure that concerns are addressed even if it is something within a college.
 - Funding for assistantships is at the college level
 - The graduate school can be an advocate for graduate students.
 - If there are issues with students working over 20 hours a week, then the graduate school needs to know about those issues.
 - Question: What to do when faculty ask for you to come to campus when the weather is bad?
 - Answer: Faculty are not allowed to ask you to come to campus when campus is closed.
 - Question: Are there levels of having to attend when the weather is bad?
 - Answer: If campus and labs are closed, then you should not have to be on campus.



- **Holly Ashkannejhad** (holly.ashkannejhad@wsu.edu), Director of Civil Rights Compliance & Investigation (CRCI)
 - Major changes with the Executive Policy 15
 - Going through last iterations before being emailed out to students
 - When graduate students come to their office, graduate students are afraid to share information because of fears of retaliation, since many times your future, references, etc. get wrapped up in advisors, etc.
 - In EP15, there will be clarification in what you can report. Many of the definitions have been expanded. There is also an appendix to help give examples of the categories to make it more tangible than the more legalistic language that is required in the document itself.
 - Expanded the jurisdiction like WSU, WSU-related events, impacting your ability to succeed (even if off-campus).
 - There are many reporting options, like confidential reporting. You can also come into the office and find out the options for reporting, documenting, finding resources, consultation, investigations, etc.
 - Rights, roles, and responsibilities
- Announcements & Events
 - **PDI Events**
 - [Understanding Civil Rights Compliance in the Workplace and in Academia](#)
 - 2/14/2020, 2:00-2:50pm
 - [Green Dot Training: Reducing Gender-Based Violence](#)
 - 2/14/2020, 3:00-4:00pm
 - [Stress Relief and Mindfulness: \(UREC/PDI\)](#)
 - 2/18/2020, 5:10-6:00pm
 - [From Class Projects to Programs: Developing and Using Assessments to Measure Student Progress](#)
 - 2/19/2020, 10:00am-12:00pm
 - [Writing Lockin-In I](#)
 - 2/20/2020, 9am-1pm
 - [Workshop and Panel Discussion: The Academic Job Application](#)
 - 2/24/2020, 12pm-2:30pm
 - **GPSA Programming Events**
 - Bowling Night
 - February 14th
 - Online bowling lane sign-up is [OPEN HERE!](#)



- **[GPSA Presents Graduate Student Pre-Funk Night at Rico's!](#)**
 - Thursday Nights - Specials on drafts, fries and pints!
- **[Research Expo \(GPSA Scholarships Committee\)](#)**
 - Thursday, March 26, 2020
 - 150 submissions
- **GPSA University Committee**
 - Mental Health First Aid Training for Graduate students on Saturday, March 28th, 8AM to 5PM.
 - Register by March 13 at [Mental Health First Aid Training](#)
- **Community Events (Where to look!)**
 - Please check [WSU Events](#) page for February events, our [GPSA Community Engagement Page](#), and GPSA on social media
- **Internal Affairs**
 - **Elections - Everything is on the GPSA website!**
 - **[GPSA ELECTIONS 2020](#) ←--click here**
 - Applications open now until February 17, 2020 at 11:59 pm
 - Share this information with your constituents
- **GPSA Budget Committee**
 - Budget committee still accepting Sponsorship Applications
 - GPSA Sponsorship App is now on **Campuslabs!**
 - [GPSA Sponsorship Application Information HERE](#)
 - Affiliate Funding Applications coming soon for academic year 2020-2021
- **Open Floor**
 - GPSA President, Jenn Johnson (updates)
 - Community Affairs vacancy
 - Needs to be a nomination from CAHNRS
 - Stephen will be the temporary chair for Community Affairs
 - Send email to Jenn or Ana if interested.
 - Senator and Chair of the Year
 - The evaluations will be used in determining the awards.
 - Nominate at [Senator of the Year application](#)
 - GPSA Senator, Michael Faust (presentation)
 - WSU Housing and Dining Board
 - If you are an undergraduate, then there was an increase of ~2.7%. For graduate students, there was an increase of ~2% increase. This is much lower than the 5% in other parts of the state.
 - Break into Committees: Small group discussion
 - Break into Colleges: group discussion



- **New Business**

- Exception to Attendance Policies: (Chair of Internal Affairs, Ana Vishnevskaya)
 - College of Communication, Senator Xizhu Xiao
 - Currently not able to attend, as not on campus.
 - Motion to completely excuse Senator Xizhu Xiao until back at school.
 - **MOTION PASSES**
- Chair Presentations
 - PDI
 - 52 events for this year
 - Many new events, such as imposter syndrome
 - 100 grammarly memberships
 - Communications
 - Rolled out a new website this year
 - Increased social media presence
 - New Monday Minute Design
 - Programming
 - About 10 events for the year
 - Planning events
 - Design work/photos
 - Budget
 - Fund different events
 - Steward the money
 - Funded over 50 grad student RSO events
 - Sponsored Mental Health events
 - Scholarships
 - Rolled out new program – Dissertation grants
 - Big events, such as Research Expo, Dissertation grants, and Excellence awards
 - Updated Excellence Awards Rubrics
 - Created new advertisement materials
 - Travel Grants
 - Will give out about \$132,000 for the year
 - Managing the monthly travel grant applications, responding to emails, and awarding the grants
 - Vice President of Legislative Affairs
 - Large legislative agenda – local, state, and federal
 - About 45 bills currently been tracked and being worked on
 - Community Affairs
 - Many events and accomplishments.



- Lots of information on the webpage
- Internal Affairs
 - Constitution and Bylaws
 - Elections
- Motion to extend the Senate meeting by 15 minutes. **MOTION PASSES**
 - Chair Presentations (...continued)
 - University Affairs
 - Manage university committee representatives, census survey, data collection, and maintain GPSA strategic plan
 - Infographic of survey results, mental health first aid training, new strategic plan, visioning survey
 - Strategic Plan
 - Provides direction, continuity, communication, and ability to withstand hardship
 - Provide additional feedback on the strategic plan
 - **Survey for feedback:**
<https://tinyurl.com/wxsopm>
 - University & Student Affairs Meeting
 - Thursday, 2/13, 12-1 PM in CUB 206
 - Email gpsa.university@wsu.edu for zoom link
 - Question: Mental health benefits are unfunded. So can this be firmer rather than just committing to mental health issues. So that there can be pressure put on administrators to address these issues.
 - SEED Grants are now available on [Campuslabs](#) (Senators only)
 - This is for your College.
 - Example: College of Education did diversity training and workshops.
 - Volunteers needed (like judges) for the Research Expo
 - Off-Monday Meetings with VP, Veneice Guillory-lacy
 - Questions about funding, budget items, Senate, GPSA elections?
 - Email me at vpgpsa@wsu.edu or stop by the GPSA office
 - 7:11 | Adjournment