

## SENATE MEETING Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2025

Online

Zoom

05:30

Call to Order

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes | <https://forms.office.com/r/98v125abjn>

- Joseph: I motion to approve the meeting minutes for 3/31/2025.
- Golrokh Rose Maleki: Second
- Approval of the 3/31/2025 meeting minutes.
  - Yes: 40
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and the motion has passed.

Approval of the Agenda | <https://forms.office.com/r/w04WWKTPgc>

- Amir Hossein Moadab: I motion to approve the agenda for 4/14/2025.
- Nazmul Hossain: Second
- Approval of the 4/14/2025 Agenda.
  - Yes: 43
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and the motion passed.

05:40

New Business

GPSA Resolution

Discussion and Approval

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/ipsqDdzuwY>

- Andrew Sutherland Reads a proposed resolution on Academic Freedom and Support for Research Funding.
- Summary of the Resolution: So over the past few months the current Federal Government has been in many ways making making higher education. Perceived as a villain. They have been cutting funds from academic research, and also in many ways finding and basically using the free speech of students to find ways to punish not only those students, but also institutions of higher education. The goal of this resolution is the call on the university to uphold our mission statements and our values. In this face of uncertainty to ultimately not only defend higher education and academic freedom and research enterprise, but also find more ways to ultimately defend our students, graduate students, faculty members, for the purposes of continuing to uphold our mission of academic freedom, research, enterprise, and freedom of inquiry.
- **Golrokh Rose Maleki:** Thank you so much, Andrew, for working on it. To reflect the concern of graduate students at College of education, and for the sake of the record. Is it possible to use the phrase, Fulbright scholars, instead of that extended academic community? Thank you.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** Yes, we can ultimately amend this resolution by ultimately incorporating it. I would clap. I would personally put Fulbright scholars within the category of visiting scholars. Within that category.
- **Golrokh Rose Maleki:** So they are different category. And they have been impacted by, you know, the the specific funds that they received from the government has been cut. They hadn't received even the salaries that they were supposed to. And we

have many of these students in college of education. I just want to know.

- **Madison Hönig:** So first, st I just wanted to ask for a point of privilege when we are voting as international students. If we can make sure that this is not being recorded just to keep us protected. And I also just wanted to express my support for this resolution. I think it's really important that we make a statement given the fact that there have been numerous numerous attacks on higher Ed and in our community at this point recently, it was, there's been some information that a student visa from WSU was canceled. And so this is affecting our community. Now I know it's scary. I'm also on a visa. But there is power in working together as an organization and putting our statements forward. This will give us the ability to work with some of the administration at WSU to have them commit to protecting us and I think one of the 1st steps is to make sure that they provide us access to legal counsel. If we are put in danger we still don't have any information about that. That's a problem. And I think, you know, Andrew and I went to a risk assessment to bring the statement forward. We spoke to the university. They encouraged us to do this, and they said that the potential risks outweigh the benefits of us standing up as an organization. GPSA has done this in the past. During the previous administration of this current, President GPSA also put out a resolution, and I think we owe it to our predecessors, and we owe it to the next generation of graduate students to leave our community in better hands than the way it is right now and we need to take a 1st step, even though it is scary. But we are going to do everything to mitigate that risk. And so I'm asking that when we do vote for this, that the only thing that is included in the minutes is the final vote count, and that no individual students names will be recorded. Given the sensitivity of this issue. And that's it. Thank you.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** Yeah, thank you. So I was just about to. you know. Yeah. First, thank you very much, Andrew, for and team for putting this together. But I was also speaking as a concerned international student. And if this thing is is put out there. Gpsa, I mean, we know, most of us are international students. So I was just concerned. How sure are we that we are not calling a target on our back? You know in as much as yes, we want to. We want to put out a message out there, but we also have to take calculated risk. And then. as when Madison was talking, I heard her saying that the Risks Office saying that the risks outweighs the benefits, so if the risk outweighs the benefits, then why are we going ahead to put this out there? What are we trying to achieve? Will it go? I mean, will we achieve what we want to achieve. If it's still, it's still risky. And we have to also look at I mean, taking calculated risk, not just any other risk. So I just wanted to say this, and even as we are voting, we should also think about all these things before we cast our votes. Thank you.
- **Nafise Noroozi:** I just want to second everything that Edmunds just brought up as an international student. It's super scary. And I know, you say, like the potential risks outweigh the benefits. I just don't really see that if it happens like, what if they, this is one of the things that they use against us in order to revoke our visas. So what are we gonna do? I myself don't want to take that chance.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** So I want to 1st acknowledge what everybody is feeling. I do want to correct Madison on something, she said. The risk outweighed the benefits. What was actually presented to us was, it was the opposite. We were told that the risks were actually relatively low, and that there would be more benefits associated with this type of resolution being pushed forth, we originally met with Sharyl Kammerzell from the compliance and risk management on March 27<sup>th</sup> and she ultimately pointed out that there was more, that the risks were relatively low when it came to this resolution. At the same

time I would point out, like without kind of like this expression of support to the university. I don't think really the risks would overall change as standing, but I would also point out that other universities are taking certain types of actions. Rutgers University, I'm just going to shift pages, has ultimately started working within the big 10 to establish a mutual defense compact for for the universities of the Big 10 which will ultimately defend academic freedom, institutional integrity and research enterprise. At the same time. I believe it's 86 universities are ultimately co-signing an amicus brief to ultimately push back against the current Federal Government for their ways of seeking to punish academic freedom and freedom of speech from students and faculty. My general rationale behind this. This resolution overall is ultimately also to try to find ways to build and defend international students as well. That's why, at the near the bottom, we point out different types of actionable approaches specifically on trying to defend visa holding students and international students.

- **Attah Austine: Thank you very much.** So we have. I imagine that most of us are familiar with the events at other universities, and personally, I do not see universities supporting, or at least. You know, like saving international students who have been deported and until we see WSU act, you know, like putting in infrastructures that can actually protect students from getting deported. *My recommendation is that every international student should protect themselves, prioritize, keeping yourself safe.* and I assure you that the WSU. Admin they're aware of what is happening right? And if GPSA and Andrew like, you know, with this resolution, right? I know you. You know the whole point is to like, encourage the WSU Admin to do something. I think there is a way to do that without endangering international students. Thank you.
- **Ajay Barman:** Thank you, Andrew. For working on this. And thank you, Desmond, for giving me the opportunity to speak. On the Senate when we talked with and a full disclaimer. This is completely coming from my personal viewpoint on this matter, and this should not affect how you want to vote on it when we talked with the Risk assessment office. This document is beautifully crafted, and from through this document WSU, as the institution do not. will not possess any threat but the threat. The risk for WSU is really low, but it is not 0. So that was the exact comment I received from the risk assessment. So now, when I am deciding whether or not I should vote on this one, yes or no, so there is minimum risk. But the benefit from this document will be the moral boosting. We will not expect a sudden change in the Federal legislature or Federal funding right after this one. This will only give a moral boosting to our university as well as our fellow graduate student. So when I ask myself, is the risk worth the benefit and my answer was No, and that was like my personal takeaway. Take away from the from the conversation like the amount of minimum risk. This resolution will poses, and the benefit we will get as a graduate student will not out of it. The will not be beneficial for us as a graduate student and even though the risk is minimum the exact comment from the office was, the risk is not 0.
- **Madison Hönig: Thank you. So I'm going to be brief. I really appreciate everyone's concern. But I do want to bring something up. Nothing we do in life is risk free.** I'm a biological anthropologist. We are constantly faced with mortality risk. At this point. You, being involved in GPSA is a political act. You being elected to this position means that you are doing advocacy. That is what they are targeting. We are already at risk. The university knows exactly what's happening. We get faced with that information every single day, and still they have done nothing to address this. If we do nothing, nothing changes. If we do something. Something has the opportunity of changing. I think that what we have discussed with risk and compliance is that this does not increase our the scrutiny that will be placed on WSU and the scrutiny that will be placed specifically on

GPSA. You are not voting as a person to put all the risk on you. This is a collective risk on the graduate student body, right? And that minimizes your individual risk. It's a numbers game. We are already at risk and it's already happening. A student has already been affected by this. So we have a choice and I think some of it involves recognizing that. Yes, we have to do what is necessary to protect us. But if we get taken by ice right now, there's no protocol right? We just have to let the university know that we're gone. I think we deserve better than that, and we need legs to stand on. And that's what this resolution does and last time that this was passed it was specifically the specific resolution that GPSA passed was also about immigration and protecting our international students and once again we're being asked to call upon that. There was no specific threat to GPSA as a result of that, and it was the same administration. I recognize it, but I mean staying. Staying silent is not going to fix the downstream consequences of if it does happen to you and you wouldn't want people to stand behind you. Right, that's all I'm saying and I did, misspeak before I met the benefit.

- **Andrew Sutherland:** So I want to bring up the fact that Augustine brought talked about like wanting to have infrastructure to protect international students and waiting for that in my view, this resolution is actually advocating to help establish and build up that infrastructure, to protect graduate students, to protect academic freedom and our ability to do research funding. I believe us, as leaders of our of our fellow graduate students, should be taking the initiative to find ways to ultimately advocate for graduate students. And this resolution is ultimately one of those ways we are ultimately communicating with people within institutions that ultimately we are trying that we work with, but not just within, like our WSU in particular, but also at the State government as well. The goal is really to help continue to advocate for graduate students and finding ways to protect graduate students, international students, researchers, visiting professors, Fulbright scholars, etc, etc. As we continue to go about with our education and our path towards success. And, in my view, this resolution is helping us continue to protect us, as well as well as getting us involved with helping establish such infrastructure, to protect ourselves.
- **Mason Hoskins:** Yeah, I just wanted to speak real quick on my support of this resolution as somebody whose name is signed at the bottom of it. I'm putting myself out there. But I just also want to recognize that I'm at relatively low risk as a domestic student and a fairly established individual with like strong support systems. And so I'm working to support my constituents and help ensure that, like, even if international students need to stay silent, which I understand that they also aren't taken silently. I feel like through this resolution, we're able to build community and able to build a chance of international students working with domestic students who actually have the opportunity to stand up and speak out. And even then domestic students are also at risk. I mean, we've seen where somebody was wrongfully deported, even though they were a permanent resident. And so We are all at risk, regardless of who we are, and then I also stand for the Lgbtq community and the queer community as how they're being affected in terms of their research and how they're being cut from jobs and positions due to just their identity and the way that they express themselves. And so everybody, even not just international students, are at risk. And so a larger community beyond international students is benefiting from this resolution. And I think that's important to recognize as well that even though they are, and international students are at most at risk due to deep deportation. We also have queer and LGBTQIA students who are at risk as well. And how do we support them so, and share my support?
- **Anna Ivanova:** Yes, thank you. One of the reasons to why I do not see this resolution as a risky but more performative act is because I do not understand one thing which I want to ask. So how exactly will this resolution help with anything? As a Senator? I've been in



Dean meetings where graduate students were described as an expense, not as a priority, especially international students, since our tuition costs twice as more. And if that's how we're seen by leadership. What will a resolution exactly change? Thank you.

- **Sheersa Manna:** I just had a curious question, just like other universities. Do we have any stat or number on? If any student visas have been revoked in WSU. If so, does anybody have any idea about it?
- **Nafise Noroozi:** I just had one more question. So if this ends up passing in the Gpsa and I myself, I don't want my name anywhere associated with this, unfortunately, anywhere, not even as embodied in the Gpsa name. Because what is Gpsa? It's like 60 people. So it's not a big umbrella. And what are we doing about the people who vote? No, I don't want my name there. Honestly, I just want to come out there and say it. So how are we fixing that? Can we have the names of the people who are in favor of this, and not the others?
- **Andrew Sutherland:** So the 1st thing I'm going to reply to is the voting. The only people's names who will be on this resolution are myself Hayden and Mason. We are the co-writers of this or co-sponsor of this resolution, so when it goes out, the only names that will be on it is myself, Hayden and Mason. Nobody would know what you voted for. Nobody would know like how you voted, or your stance to ultimately respond to Anna's question or statement about this being performative. A resolution is an expression of an opinion. That's what how Robert's rules of order establishes a resolution, an organized establishment of an opinion. But at the same time, too, if you're reading through the text, we do write it in a way that we are calling for certain types of actions to take place, and my hope is. if the University adopts these resolutions, that they would ultimately be including members of Gpsa within this process to produce an action oriented response. And then what was the last question that was brought up? I can't remember. There were so many questions. So the Chronicle of Higher Ed has been keeping track of the various number of students across the country, of how many student visas have been revoked. So far there's only been one WSU students visa who has been revoked. Beyond that we are unfamiliar of other students or any more specifics around this.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** I think this WSU students visa was clarified that the person was already done and out of the country, anyway. So that wasn't really part of that Trump stuff. But so I think that in a nutshell, Andrew in a nutshell it is important for us to speak up as GPSA. Okay? And that is why this resolution is being discussed at the GPSA Senate, because when it comes out it's coming out as GPSA, not as you and Mason, and who is whoever is signing it? You may be the one who proposed it. But when this resolution comes out it's coming from the GPS and not from you. Andrew and Mason as individuals. Okay, and number 2. The purpose for the resolution at the bottom end was to ask the university to do something about what's happening, so that it will help us as graduate students, and specifically, with more emphasis on international students and that is not a bad request. However, in my opinion, I think the University already is doing what they can. We can ask them to do more if we host meetings with them, and these are these are just my personal opinions before we move on and the last thing is that if we are talking to the university. I would rather prefer that we take out everything else that that has to do with anything outside of our scope. So all the instances where funds are cut from other big universities, those are cut by the Federal government, and it has nothing to do with WSU and so, if we are, for instance, asking that we are scared as graduate student body. We've seen some cuts. And so we want the university to do something. Then we should specifically focus on the cuts that was done to WSU, so that as the GPSA of WSU, we can say, because of that, we are asking the university to do something to help us, or institute some measures that will protect us. The last

thing I wanted to say is, I think you've seen this. If you look at the comments in the chat, you will see this. This is this GPSA body is for WSU. It's only WSU's body. So whatever effort we are taking is only circled within the WSU. We cannot be speaking for the entire student body. In a country, the entire graduate student body in a country. Okay. So if we have not seen, there's a larger graduate student body, a national graduate student body. If they are not putting up a resolution for the entire graduate student body. I am not in support that we, as GPSA of WSU, should put a resolution that covers something at a federal level. It is very okay, like the President, said, the focus or some of the benefit of the resolution would be to give morale to our faculty members or leaders of the university. But it is also important to understand that there's a difference between we asking our leaders of the University to help us and putting a target on our back when we touch on things that are at federal level that we have very little control over. Okay, and I'll give you a chance to respond to this, because I am bringing it in as at the last point. After that we will move on to vote. But these are just my personal opinion, because, just like everybody said, when we pass this especially because we are the till end of the semester. This goes on, and then it comes back as Gpsa that all of us as senators are part of, and the leadership will include you and I and the rest of us who have been elected to take charge. Okay, I don't want a situation where we are doing good. The purpose of the resolution is to do good, but then it turns out to affect us negatively, you know. So these are just my opinions as a President-elect, but also as a graduate student.

- **Andrew Sutherland:** So the 1st thing I would like to say is, I'm a little bit shocked that you are expressing these opinions, because for the past month since I've been sharing this with the entire exec board. This is the 1st time I've actually heard these opinions from you, and I wish you would have brought them up earlier on, so I could ultimately adjust and edit this resolution to where it can address these types of perspectives. But I would kind of push back that it's not just while we are representing graduate students. This resolution is also reflecting higher education as a whole. It's not just the Federal government isn't just targeting one university. They're targeting the whole concept of higher education in a variety of ways which ultimately affects us and other universities. At the same time within the resolution itself. I call upon the University to work with other universities in a collective, organized manner, to ultimately kind of address these types of various issues as in a collective approach. This would be more efficient to ultimately pushing back against these policies, whether through legal means or seeking out other opportunities to help fund graduate research and graduate education. I also kind of disagree with this notion that we should cut out these other major things that are happening at other institutions. It helps build up our argument that this is not just affecting us. It's affecting the whole concept of higher education, graduate research and graduate education as a whole.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** I motion to vote on Resolution 2025.1
- **Destiny Brokaw:** Second
- Vote on Resolution 2025.1:
  - Yes: 14
  - No: 30
  - Abstain: 16
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and the resolution failed.
- Andrew Sutherland: Point of Inquiry, can you share the results with the Senate?
- Desmond Aboagye: Send me that on the chat. Oh, hold on. I didn't share the

results. Let me share them.

05:55

New Business | Candidate Speeches for the Vacant Senator-at-Large Positions  
Internal Affairs Committee Chair

2 minutes Presentation Time for each candidate, 2 minutes Q&A for each Vacancy.

Senator-at-Large for **Human Development**

Candidate 1 | Gagandeep Kaur

Candidate 2 | Harpreet Kaur

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/PWwv2Tpmdp>

- **Gagandeep Kaur:** I am. A 3rd year Phd. Student in the department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Wsu. I'm honored to present here today as a nominee for the Senator position. I want to serve as a Senator to make a meaningful impact on the lives of fellow graduate students, and being a senator, provides me with an opportunity to raise my voice for any concerns faced by the students, and I can contribute my services to offer plausible solutions to respective problems. I was privileged to attend various leadership workshops and trainings throughout my life that helped me to polish my leadership skills. Throughout my college life I served several leadership roles, including Senator at large for 2024, 25 by GPSA, president of the Indian Students Association at WSU. Vice President of the Graduate Student Association of the Crop and Soil Sciences Department at WSU Public Relations, chair of the 6 Student Association and the representative of women in science. In the Agronomy Society of America my leadership services were recognized by the College of Agriculture, human and Natural Resource Sciences, as I was awarded with the graduate student leadership award 2025, and the GPSA excellence leadership award 2025 for this position. I'm running to promote transparency. So students always know what's happening and why. And I believe in true engagement, making sure every student has a voice and a way to get involved. And I, above all, I stand for action making sure ideas are turned into real change, and that's all from my side. Thank you.
- **Harpreet Kaur:** I'm a second year Phd. Student in the Department of Plant Pathology, and I'm very excited to run for the position of Gpsa Senator at large for the very 1st time. I'm currently based at a research station here at Prosser, Irec. So I understand what it's like to feel a little disconnected from campus life. That's actually one of the main reason I want to take on this role, so I can help make sure that everyone knows matter we are studying from feels included and heard. Being physically away from the campus has made me realize how important clear communication is between GPSA and its departments, especially for those of us who might not always be in the loop. I believe communication is key, and I'll work to make sure everyone's voice is represented, and I'll do my best to strengthen the connection between GPSA and my department as a senator. I would prioritize making sure that students, whether on campus or off, are always informed, included and supported. I was also briefly part of the GPSA Community GPSA. Community Affair Committee for a short time, and it helped me understand how GPSA works and how it can support students better. I would love to take what I have learned and keep building on it as a Senator. I also bring some

leadership experiences from other roles. I served as a vice President of Prosser, graduate student Association for the year 2024. I'm currently a vice chair for the Evolutionary Genetics and Genomics Committee at the American Phytopathological Society, and a Social Coordinator for Indian Student Association of the current year. These roles helped me learn how to organize, communicate, and work with different groups of students. If elected, I'll make sure to attend all GPSA meetings, share important updates with our department and join a GPSA committee to help make a difference. I'm excited to listen, communicate, and be a voice for all of us, whether you are on campus or off. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** I motion to vote on Senator-at-Large for Human Development.
- **Amir Hossein Moadab:** Second
- **James Asare:** I'm curious, since you all want to become senators, if you had the opportunity, and you were in this particular situation. What would your opinion be standing in for your constituents?
- **Harpreet Kaur:** As someone mentioned in the chat, that I think I would love to have an international services opinion before passing this agenda so, or the this thing, I would seriously want to consider their opinion, like how it is to be for international students before casting my vote to yes.
- **Gagandeep Kaur:** Taking into consideration the present situation, I would really want to talk with the students and the department, whichever department I represent, because this is a really important decision, and I being the representative. I don't want to say that many of the students might not just support that, or many of the students might support that. So I would prefer to have an interaction with the students in the department, and then come on to a decision on the behalf of all the students that I represent.
- **Moazzam Rind:** I just wanted to ask both of the candidates that did. They applied in our general election. If they did if they didn't, what was the reason they didn't apply, and then came through this route for the nomination.
- **Gagandeep Kaur:** Yeah. I applied for the General Election and to run as a Senator from my department. But unfortunately I was not elected as a Senator in those elections.
- **Harpreet Kaur:** And, to be honest, I was not very much aware of that. I just shortly joined the Community Affair committee, and these guys told me that there is open positions like, if I want to serve on a committee, I should be elected as a Senator at large. So that's why I applied here.
- Vote on Senator-at-Large for Human Development
  - Gagandeep Kaur: 30
  - Harpreet Kaur: 19
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and Gagandeep Kaur has won the majority.

Senator-at-Large for the **Department of Horticulture**

Candidate 1 | Priunka

Bhowmik Candidate 2 |

Usama Sheraz

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/cqMcUKdX55>

- **Priunka Bhowmik:** Currently I am on a senior at large position for college of Veterinary Medicine, representing the CVM and professional students. So there. So actually, I applied for the Senator. I mean, previously, I applied from my department. But yeah, unfortunately, I didn't get chance, but I feel like I can do some more work with variety or



difference, who are from difference, from my academic background, because, because they are from, though they are from horticulture. But I can. I think I can, some work, or can be voice for them because during my senator at large during this semester we I collected, or as a all the Senators, we collected the all the email address of the CVM students. It's it seems easy, but it's not that much easy. But, thanks to Augustine, our chair of the that time the he was the chair of the CVM. So he helped a lot, and we met with Dr. Dorieson and worked some of the projects, and also we will meet again with her. And I tried to timely circulate all the meeting miners and agenda with large variety of the CVM. And professional students and that's why we got Matthew. That says maybe he is the one of the CVM professional Senator in GPSA right now, and also one RSO. From the CVM. That is, 26 got funding the previous meeting. So I always try to connect with all of them. And as right now I'm serving my programming committee. So yeah, I want to thank the programming chair and all the committee members. I really love to work with all of them so hopefully in the next semester. If I can join the GPSA I will work wholeheartedly, and be the voice of the Horticulture Department.

- **Usama Sheraz:** I am Usama Sheraz, a master's student at crop science, and I am honored to be nominated for the center at large position as a fullback scholar and an international student. From Pakistan. I recognize the immense responsibility that comes with representing not just the student body, but our global community. The Fulbright program emphasizes leadership, civic engagement and mutual understanding values that I hold close. And I'm eager to bring to GPSA as well. And let me add that today the very food by program stands at crossroads of whether a budget cut at ECA will impact it or completely shut it down. We don't know. That's why advocacy at greater level is needed, and I myself vote for it. During my undergraduate years at the Department of plant breeding and genetics. Back in my country, Pakistan, I actively led student bodies and participated in national agricultural campaign programs for farmer facilitation as a press secretary for the Pakistan society of plant readers, I coordinated communications and documented events which strengthened my ability to serve diverse voices. One of the highlights of that role was hosting the International Read Conference in 2021, an event where my current advisor, Dr. Covindar, here at WSU, was a guest speaker. He encouraged us to explore cultural exchange and global research opportunities. Who wouldn't have thought that just a few years later I would not only earn the prestigious Fulbright award, but also end up working in his lab from academic serving to community outreach. I have always sought opportunities that cannot that connect people and create an impact. Another example is my current role as an event manager for Pakistan Student Association, a student body that deals specifically with Pakistanis. If elected. I'll continue the commitment advocating academic equity, cross-cultural exchange and professional development opportunities for the graduate students, particularly those navigating new environments like myself. Thank you for considering me, and I look forward to serving our community.
- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** I motion to vote on Senator-at-Large for Department of Horticulture.
- **Folake Okor:** Second
- **Nazmul Hossain:** I have a question to Priyanka. Like as you met Priyanka. As she mentioned, she is working with the programming committee. So currently with this role as a member of the programming committee. How many program you have arranged? And yeah, if you can share it with us.
- **Priunka Bhowmik:** Yeah. Thank you. Nazmul, so in the fall semester actually, that time for me, I organized I mean not me, I mean I supervised that one Halloween event, and whoever participated the Halloween event, they know that it's kind of a bit exceptional one, and Rose, I know, got the prize, and one of the students got the prize. And actually, I am very much lucky to have this programming committee. All of them are amazing. Our

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programming chair. Redwan. and all of the members are like, they have very, very much innovative idea. So I actually really loved to work with all of them. Yeah. And in the spring semester I organized ice cream social by the 49th and all of the events. Actually, we volunteer and help each other. Yeah. But these 2 events I supervise kind of things. Yeah, thank you.

- Vote on Senator-at-Large for Department of Horticulture
    - Priunka Bhowmik: 27
    - Usama Sheraz: 27
  - Desmond breaks the tie and chooses Prunka.
  - Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and Prunka Bhowmik has won the majority.
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Senator-at-Large for **Sch of Languages Cultures Race & Program in American Studies**

Candidate 1 | Ankit

Rawal Candidate 2 | Xu

Wayne

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/TAgR8TvzAY>

- **Ankit Rawal:** I am currently serving Senator at large representing College of Veterinary Biomedical Science, Biomedical Science under programming committee. It has been an incredible journey so far. Working on the Red. One is a programming committee, and Augustine is a college of representatives from from veterinary college. So we did a lot of works we did a lot of work in. and I have never done so much of since joining than I have ever done since joining GPSA like we have to organize at least 2 events per month. 2 months, and which required a lot of which required a lot of preparation like advertisements, advertisement procedures on time payment methods, payment methods which is not straightforward in GPSA, as you might know. So I yeah, so it was. Yeah. So it was complicated. And it was fun as well to working with the people as a team under programming committee. Besides GPSA, I am also the Vice President of Nepalese Student Association. Yesterday we organized the Moma Festivals, which is also called Nepali Night. For the 1st time here in Wsu, after 13 years. So yeah, it was a huge, huge success. We yeah, we got lot of positive feedback from the peoples. And we got large number of large number of people than expected. So we are able to able to restore our culture here the international stages. That is great success, as from Nepali people, and I would like to thank to all the Nepali people who, who, as yeah, we who helped us to make this event this success. So with my continued energy, experience and enthusiasm. I'm asking everyone to reelect me as a center at large from this schools. Okay? Yeah, I might have heard a lot of things, but kind questions. Thank you.
- **Xu Wayne:** I'm Wayne from the school of Hospitality business management. I want to introduce myself from 2 aspect. The 1st one is my leadership for the leadership. I worked in GPSA for 2 years, and the 1st year in the Travel Grant Committee and the second year for the Award and the Scholarship Committee. Apart from the GPSA. I also worked in 2 student organizations in the custom College business and for all this experience, how already built up my leadership skills. And also my communication skills with different kind of people, different group of people. And for my commitment for this position, I know I'm outside of the department. I also applied for the Senator at large for the Department, so I have. I have taken some proactive connection with the department I connected with the key people in the department, such as their coordinators, or the former Senators or their Phd. Students and based on the communication the last month. We already identified the key issues within the department that GPSA and me can help them. The 1st one is their limited department funding. The second one is the weak connection between the department students and the GPSA. And the 3rd one is the declining student recruitment for their different majors and classes and the last thing and interesting I want to mention is that although I'm also this department, my research and the teaching interests closely align with the Department's academic values and the culture focus. So I think, based on my leadership experience, my proactive connections with the people and also my research and teaching interests. I think I'm the best match for this position for this department. Thank you.
- **Golrokh Rose Maleki:** I motion to vote on Senator-at-Large for School of Languages Cultures, Race & Program in American Studies.
- **Moazzam Rind:** Second

- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** Do you have any specific plan how you will communicate with your constituents?
- **Ankit Rawal:** Can I speak to be, frankly speaking, if there is someone from the same college that I am applying, then I am happy to leave this position on, unless I will do whatever I did before. Like. I am from Civil department, but I am from civil department, but I am Senator from veterinary college. So how I will do that. That is, 1st I will meet with the grad coordinator, then ask for the email from the student. Then after that, after that, yeah, I will email to all the student, if there is any problem related to, maybe so, I'll queries about the problem. What are the problem they are facing right now. And I'll try to bring this this problem into the GPSA and discuss about the problems like that. Yeah, this.
- **Wayne Xu:** Yeah, I think for me, I think the I have the initial advantages for this part, because I, although I'm in the business college, not the different, not the same college with the department. We are also sense. That means that we have more. We have more common sense in our majors, and also in the communications, and this is the 1st advantage and the second one I think I already I already taken the initial action. For this part, I already invited 22 professors and one P. Students in their department to be guest speakers in my class, and then in this way I will let my students know them more, and then I will have to increase the visibility of their department. And, second, I have more opportunities to communicate with the important people within this department, and then the 3rd one, I think if I if I am selected for this position and I will, I will collaborate with the department to promote their programs. And also, maybe I will organize some one-on-one guidance or workshops with different GPSA activities. And then this can build up more close relationship with the department.
- Vote on Senator-at-Large for School of Languages Cultures, Race & Program in American Studies
  - Ankit Rawal: 20
  - Xu Wayne: 35
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and Xu Wayne has won the majority.

### Senator-at-Large for **Anthropology**

Candidate 1 | Sumanta Roy

Candidate 2 | Raja Timilsina

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/dLTnxRM74>

- Desmond Aboagye: In that case I would have said the candidate that was present would win. But now that we can't get her on, I'm not sure how, because we need to know if that candidate is present. So now let's hold on anthropology and move on to the next one. We'll come back to anthropology. After that.
- Andrew Sutherland: I motion to table the vote for Senator at large for anthropology until the end of the Senate Votes.
- Amir Hossein Moadab: Second
- Vote to Table Senate-At-Large vote for Anthropology
  - Yes: 32
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- Desmond Aboagye: We have passed the motion and tabled the discussion.

### Senator-at-Large for **Sch of the Environment**

Candidate 1 | Tanvir Ahmed

Candidate 2 | Mehdi Moghadammanesh

- **Nafise Noroozi:** I received an email from Mehdi has pulled himself from the election.



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- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** I motion to vote on Senator-At-Large for the School of the Environment.
- **Nafise Noroozi:** Second.
- **Moazzam:** I motion to table the vote for Senator at large for anthropology until the Senators return.
- **Tanvir Ahmed:** My name is Tanvir Ahmed. I am a Phd. Student in environmental and natural resource sciences at Washington State University, and I'm excited to be running for the signature position of GPSA as leaving the power of student leadership to bring meaningful change and build a stronger, more inclusive graduate community. to talk about, to talk about my leadership experiences like in general, I had like before starting my Phd. I held several leadership positions, and one of the most prominent one is like, I worked in a project lead at the Climate Change program of Brac, which is the largest industry in the world, and and I led a project which was like funded by the German Government Bank, the Development Bank, the Kfw. And it was like on a I worked on the climate, vulnerable people. So this role, basically like taught me how to manage project lead diverse teams negotiate with international donors and work on real world solutions to climate, vulnerable communities and from the academic perspective. During my master's program in the Netherlands I worked as a general secretary in the Bangladesh Association, in the Waukinagan University and Research, and I worked in like different volunteer organizations as well, and I also worked in as a vice president of the like renowned volunteer organizations. So.
- **Vote on Tanvir Ahmed:**
  - Yes: 38
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **Desmond Aboagye:** We have reached a majority and Tanvir has received a majority of votes.

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/XVJfqruhzhH>

Senator-at-Large for **Teaching and Learning**

Candidate 1 | Otun Saha

Candidate 2 | Ehsan Norouzi Kandlati

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/XVGqTpQsVs>

- **Otun Saha:** Good evening, everyone. I am Otun Saha in Bangladesh. I am incredibly honored to be nominated for the Senator lost position for the teaching and learning. I am a proud second year Phd. Student at the School of Food Science at Washington State University, where I believe in the power of education to transfer life, especially the human lives, not just through textbook or some lecture, but through some community engagement and some collaboration. So I believe GPSA is the right platform to bind graduate and professional students together. As it is a community of change marker change marker. So I see this position that I. Today I am actually become a candidate for this this role as an opportunity to connect with the graduate and the advocate for my fellow graduate student, both academically and professionally so in the from the craving of my or hungry of my to join as a GPSA member, I previously actually contact with Rose, one of you GPSA member. And then, actually, now, I am actually doing some voluntary work with WSU campus landscape advisory committee, where actually my role is to give some advice or something about the beautification of the campus, although I have no actually a good role here, because it's already set up according to the plan and map of the WSU. But all in every meeting in month I actually try to attend and the 1st thing is, if I actually nominate it. I will focus on actually enhancing communication and collaboration between GPS and



the graduate instructor across discipline ensuring their needs, talents and insight are actively represented. And if I actually can express my previous leadership position, actually as an assistant professor, as one of my leading university in my home country, followed by actually, currently, I'm also actually running some of the actually research group actually with my students, where actually, my main actually, purpose is to teach them to make. I'm collaborated then and finally, if actually, I can say.

- Ehsan Norouzi Kandlati did not attend the meeting.
- Vote on Otun Saha as Senator at Large for Teaching and Learning.
  - Otun Saha: 37
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 1
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and Otun Saha has received Senator-At-Large

Senator-at-Large for **Educ Leader and Sport Mgt**

Candidate 1 | Nosheen Fatima

Candidate 2 | Sheersa Manna

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/bwY0yGmTWT>

- **Nosheen Fatima:** My name is Nosheen Fatima, and I'm 3rd year Phd. Candidate from Department of Plant Pathology. and I am today running for Senator at large position a little bit about myself. Currently, I serve as Senator at large for Molecular Plant Science Department, which means, I am aware, of the responsibility this position brings. I'm also the Vice President of Pakistani Student Association and a housing coordinator at the Steptoe village. Now all these roles have given me the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of graduate students and understand their unique challenges they face in their academic, social, and residential lives. Now, one thing that I've learned is that being aware and well informed is the 1st step towards making the change. There are many issues that go unaddressed, simply because students do not know where to take their concerns and what resources are available to them. That is why I believe in the power of communication and information sharing this I have experienced in the past. When I was not associated with the GPSA, there were many things that I was not even aware of the resources that were there. So after I became a Senator, I made it a priority to listen. Relay important updates and help students navigate university process. Now, if I get elected again, I'll continue to work and strengthen the flow of information between the GPSA body and the student body of my constituents, so that every student feels empowered to raise their voice and take part in the decisions that affect them. I'll keep advocating for the clear communication and better support system. Thank you. Everyone.
- **Sheersa Manna:** My name is Shiesha Manna, and I'm a 3rd year Phd. Candidate in the Department of Plant Pathology, while my academic home lies outside the department of Educational Leadership and Sports management. I'm honored to be here and express my appreciation for all the department contributes to our university from athletic excellence to leadership and community building. I'm running for the Senator at large position because I personally believe in ensuring every department and student group has a voice in the Senate. This role allows me to connect across departments and advocate for a broader student concern with care and diligence. Having served in the GPSA Senate and the committees over the past academic year I have gained firsthand experience and insight into how the Senate operates, and more importantly, developed a deeper appreciation for the responsibility that actually comes with this role. This experience has inspired me to step forward with renewed commitment and dedication. Throughout my academic journey. I have always actively taken on leadership, roles and management roles, both at

WSU and back home in India. I served as a college president, later as a State President, and then joined as the joint Secretary of all India Agriculture Student Association. Back home. These experiences have helped me develop a strong organizational and communication, skill, and a deep sense of responsibility in representing students and concerns effectively. At WSU I served as the president of Prosser, graduate student Association, which is a research station located off the main campus at WSU IREC, which is a research station located off my main campus, and I've also been involved in the planning and organizing Bay Area student led initiatives both within and beyond my department. So my role as a peer mentor for international students has further strengthened my ability to connect with the driver student body and better understand the needs and challenges. So these cumulative experiences have equipped me to well continue advocating for the students and contributing meaningfully to the Senate, as GPSA strongly affords the value that every voice.

- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** I motion to vote on Senator-At-Large for Education, Leader, and Sports Management.
- **Moazzam Rind:** Second
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** Did you both apply during the General election?
- **Sheersa Manna:** Yes I did.
- **Nosheen Fatima:** I did not apply.
  - Nosheen Fatima: 24
  - Sheersa Manna: 32
- **Desmond Aboagye:** We have reached a majority and Sheersa has received the most votes.

Senator-at-Large for **Cultural Studies and Social Thought**

Candidate 1 | Susmita Dahal

Candidate 2 | Bipin Neupane

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/eSfXM6WxDC>

- **Susmita Dahal:** Hi, everyone. I'm Susmita Dahal. And today I'm running for the position of Senator at Lars for cultural studies and social thought. So talking about me. I'm second year, Phd. String in department of biological system engineering. And I'm doing research on stormwater management. Before coming to U.S.A. I worked as water resource engineer in department of water, resource, and irrigation for 7 years and during my work I actively engaged with farmers, contractors, consultants, Ngos, Ingos, and funding agencies like Adb and World Bank. So my work experience over this year taught me how to listen and solve problems, and of course, advocate for meaningful change. Talking about my volunteering experiences. In my undergrad I served as an executive member of Nepal Agriculture Student Society for 2 years and apart from that, I also worked as treasurer of the Neipati Society of Agricultural Engineers. Now currently in Wsu. I'm serving as Senator at large for education, leadership, and sport management, and also as a member of internal affair committee. So all these roles have taught me the importance of communication and teamwork. So now, as a Senator at large, my main goal is simple. My goal is to ensure that every graduate student voice is heard, whether it is about resources or any other challenges they are facing. I want to be the person they can turn to when they don't know where to go. All we know transparency is the key, so I will make sure that meeting. My needs and agendas are shared with everyone so they can know what is being discussed, how decision are being made, and if there is something they think need to be included, I will bring their voice to the Gpsa so overall I will act as breeze between my constituents and Gpsa. So at the end of the day. My job is to represent my constituents, so if I am elected as Senator at large. I will bring the same dedication and commitment to advocate for the needs. I believe together we can make sure the department of Cultural

Studies and social thought has a strong voice in GPSA once again. Thank you for considering me for this important role. I would be honored to represent department of cultural studies.

- **Edmund Larbir Afari:** I motion to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.
- **Haden Kingrey:** Second
- Extend Meeting by 20 minutes
  - Yes: 27
  - No: 4
- **Desmond Aboagye:** We have reached a majority and have extended the meeting.
- **Bipin Neupane:** . I'm Bipin Neopani, an estimator for the Department of Plant Pathology. Thank you. GPSA, for this opportunity. Starting with my professional leadership at WSU I serve as a senator for the Department of Plant Pathology. I have also served as the Senator at last for the Department of Horticulture. During my 2 years I served in the PDI Committee with Sajjad and team and help organize many events. I'm also the current president for the Nepal Eastern Association here at WSU, and last night we organized the Nepali night under my presidency talking at the National level. I'm currently the planning committee liaison for the National Association of the Plant Leaders Graduation Working Group, where I organize the programs for the Conference. Similarly, I am the President for the Student Coordination Committee of Napa, which is a group of about 900 new police agriculturists here in Americas. I don't know if advocacy is the right word, but I had a chance to make some changes previously. Only Phd. Candidate could participate in 3 min thesis competition in Cairns. I felt like all students, would have a chance to get that opportunity, and communicated with the Dean and the secretary to Dean, and made the changes. And now every student, either Phd. Candidate or student, can participate in 3 min thesis within the cans. Also. Recently our departmental Travel Grant Committee announced an application, but only the student going to a particular conference were eligible to apply. I then had a communication with the department head, and was able to change the criteria, and then made. Every student in the department now can apply for the travel, grant And I'm saying this because I believe if we speak, these small changes can make a great impact And as a senior at Lars. I continue working for the grad students along with learning and improving as I go on And apart from this, when I was the Senator for the department at my work was not only to send them the meeting minutes. I used to join the departmental launch with the student department, head and administrative staff and try to communicate what happens in the time. Thank you.
- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** How would you make the communication happen between cultural studies folks and and if you have any knowledge about the program. I would appreciate it if you share like. I don't expect you to have it. But just in case, if you have.
- **Bipin Neupane:** Yeah. So if I can answer like one, when I received the email last week about like, I'm going to represent this committee, then then I emailed the Administrative Secretary for the cultural studies and the social 3, rd asking if there is any concern for the student from that department and I didn't get any response from this one, but I did get response, like there was no response from this one, but I tried to contact this one beforehand, so that I can bring something over here for now. So that is the thing. I can talk with them. And, as I mentioned, when I was in the Senator at last for the other department. I used to go to the department, talk with the department head administrative staff and students and talk about Gpsa, how it runs and try to encourage them joining GPSA, so yeah, this is how I will going to work for this cultural stories and social thought.
- **Susmita Dahal:** So, yeah, I check I check the website of cultural studies and social thought. I, I find how how they work and the cultural study and social thought mainly

focus to address the issues of culture and power. So they mainly concerned about the contrary and historical context of education and the department main goal is to develop scholars and practitioner who will stimulate positive change in education, institution and the community they serve. So I will establish a line of communication by email or virtual platform. And if I'm elected as Senator at large, I will. I will dedicate 1 h of at the end of Friday. I will talk with the Department coordinate, and what time works for them. I will open the channel so that they can discuss with me their ideas and their concerns, and I will raise that issue to the table for discussion.

- Vote on Senator-At-Large for Cultural Studies and Social Thoughts
  - Susmita Dahal: 19
  - Bipin Neupane: 29
- Desmond Aboagye: We have reached a majority and Bipin Neupane has won the position.

Senator-at-Large for **Molecular Biosciences**

Candidate 1 | Oluwadamilola

Olanrewaju Candidate 2 | Ifeoluwa

Oladapo

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/rxDX3hFXsr>

- **Nafise Noroozi:** I have received an email an Oluwandamilola has withdrawn.
- **Ifeoluwa Oladapo:** Yeah. So if you want your students in the school of molecular bioscience, while my leadership experiences may be limited, I've taken up roles that have allowed me to serve as a representative and an advocate as a master's student. I served as a floor representative in my hall, where I conveyed the concerns of the residents and I've also worked as a facilitator for an indigenous Ngo where we inspire leadership qualities and students in government schools. Now I'm running for the Senator at large for the school of molecular biosciences to become a voice for my department. My goal is to effectively communicate the needs and the concerns of the people in my department to the appropriate body. In this case, probably the college well and to ensure that their voices are heard and their concerns are addressed. Additionally, I also aim to foster the inclusiveness of people in my department to programs that are planned by GPSA, and this role will not just avail me the opportunity to represent my department effectively, but also help me to develop my leadership ability, and also go as an advocate for collective interests. Thank you.
- **Moazzam Rind:** I motion to vote on Senator-At-Large for Molecular Biosciences.
- **Nafise Noroozi:** Second
- **Vote on Senator at Large for Molecular Biosciences.**
  - Ifeoluwa Oladapo: 38
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 1
- **Desmond Aboagye:** We have reached a majority and Ifeoluwa Oladapo will be senator-at-large.

Senator-at-Large for **Anthropology**

Candidate 1 | Sumanta Roy

Candidate 2 | Raja Timilsina

Voting Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/dLTnxfRM74>

- **Sumanta Roy:** Hello, everyone! My name is Sumantha Roy. I'm from India. I'm a Phd. 1st year student in the Department of Anthropology and I'm excited to be running for the post of Senator from Department of Anthropology, and I'm here to secure support for this aid post. I'm interested for being a Senator from the department because I'm passionate about solving issues about students. And I want to make sure that their voices are heard in

the university level decision making process, and I have dealing. I have experience of dealing with the University administration during my time as a elected counselor from the school of Social Sciences from my University Jawall University, JNU, in New Delhi, India, and after spending 2 semesters in WSU, I have observed how GPSA is actively involved in the well-being of the students, and I want to be a part of this mission, and my aim is to my main aim is to minimize the communication gap, which is very common among the graduate students particularly, and I want to take on this responsibility because I have seen the lack of interaction between the students in my department and all, sometimes with the GPSA representatives And I just. Senator, I aim to reduce this grab and bring student content to GPS and find potential solutions. And as an international student from India. During my 1st semester I faced some difficulties adjusting WSU and I received less support from the department overall. So I want to build an inclusive environment in the department, so that every student's. Whether it's international or the American students, they can come and approach us for help for their concern and challenges, and if elected, if I elected as a GPS Senator, I'll make sure to invest my time and effort for the well-being of the students and I will listen to their needs, advocate for their concerns, and I'll make sure to work together with other senators and university administration, to create more supportive and enriching environment for the graduate students, and I strongly feel it would be an honor to represent my fellow graduate students in the GPSA.

- **Raja Timilsina:** Hi, everyone! Good evening my name is Raja RAM Chandra Thimul, and it's quite long. So I normally prefer to say anybody to Rc. So I am a 1st year Phd. Student at the Department of Anthropology, and I'm from Nepal. So today I'm here to for the center for the large. So in my life. When I was undergraduate, and during I was in Nepal I used to work as a socially active and I in a lot of social work I used to involve, and I was to support for the things that we need to do, and we do have to do something for the socially and same on the basis of that, my grown up. So I came to us and I joined to anthropology. I am from cultural anthropology student. So and when I came I find something lacking in our departments. I didn't find the the cultural part as it being an anthropology department. I didn't find the real cultural value in my department. So what I feel that I need to make this gap and fulfill it being as a as a GPS destinator. So what I saw that GPS is working a lot on this part. So I feel if I can get on way this way I can help to my department a lot. And now, right now I also joined to my Nepal Student Association. I'm the member of that, and we are arriving doing a lot of socially related work for the people and connection, doing all those things. So we did one cultural program, one of the test of Nepal like things. So I want to make the International National Connection Cultural Interaction and cultural connection so that it could be a good platform if I can be a Senator at GPSA. Thank you.
- **Madison Hönig:** I motion to vote for Senator at Large.
- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** Second
- **Haden Kingrey:** I am a Senator for sociology, but I'm also a Phd. Student for anthropology. So one of you would be my Senator in the future. I just have a question as a GPSA. Senator. Do you believe that you should put the needs of your constituents before your own self-interest. And if you believe that you cannot perform the duty of a GPSA Senator, that you should potentially step aside. Just curious as a future constituent, thank you.
- **Sumanta Roy:** So, if I may respond to that, I think if I become a Senator of the GPSA, I abide by the constitution of GPSA, which is to improve graduate student and rich student experience, advocacy, fascinated, interdisciplinary, and other things. So I will put aside my self-interest and devote myself for the interest of the GPSA.





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- **Raja Timilsina:** Yeah. And my thought is the same. If I work hard for that, and I'll do I I can promise you that I can do on this point, and I could put aside, and I'll work hard on the point beside my study, which I can connect, all those things being at a GPSA, I promise for that. Yeah.
  - Vote on Senator at Large for Anthropology
    - Sumanta Roy: 21
    - Raja Timilsina: 16
  - **Desmond Aboagye:** We have reached a majority and Sumanta has won the election.
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07:15

New Business | Proposal to move last senate meeting to Saturday April 26, to be hosted as a retreat.

Approval Link: | <https://forms.office.com/r/dB5nanKD4L>

- **Desmond Aboagye:** So next item on the agenda I was going to proposed. And this is a proposal that is coming from me. Because, look at looking at how discussions on agenda items go. I think that the last Senate meeting will definitely be a long Senate meeting, considering that we will have RSOs, who are asking for \$1,000 or more coming in and so basing on that I was going to propose, or I am still proposing, that we shift the in-person meeting on 28 Monday night to Saturday 26 starts in the morning and hold it as a retreat that we can provide enough food so we can spend a lot more hours to discuss these things. I know there's no time, but I would like a motion so that we vote on this. You can vote yes or no. I am very open to whatever the Senate wants. We can stay in on that Monday night, or we can shift to Saturday morning if somebody can move before we attend the meeting. That would be great.
- **Nafise Noroozi:** I motion to approve to change the date of our last senate meeting to Saturday April 26.
- **Moazzam Rind:** Second.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** I will not be taking discussions on this motion. However, please use the appropriate link to vote yes or no on that motion.
- **Arpita Sinha:** I think there was something important. I wanted to say that for this one international programs, and Dr. Tammy Berry was was to be to be invited to come, and I think you were probably informed about this from the chair of scholarship. So I think changing. This might actually be a little difficult to have them, and I think this is.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** You are saying that there's a discussion on that day that involves, say, the the Dean for graduate school.
- **Arpita Sinha:** Yes, I think the chair of community Chair of Scholarship. If he is there, I think he might be able to understand. This is for one of the things that has to be brought to the Senate for voting, and I was told that you.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** I am. I don't have any recollection of agreeing to add that to the agenda already the agenda is very full, so even if we want to do that discussion. I know the discussion you are talking about. Even if we want to do that discussion, we may not be able to do it on Friday. I'm sorry that.
- **Joseph Akowuah:** Yeah, this month. So yeah, Arpita is talking about the resolution that we, I mean that we wanted to vote to either include or not one award, to awards and scholarships, and I told you about it. So you told me to communicate to Dr. Barry, and then, Dr. Hellman, that 28 would probably work for that meeting.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** Was this an email communication?
- **Joseph Akowuah:** No we had a conversation on teams.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** Please let's go back to this discussion, and if it is something that has been agreed upon, I'll definitely add it to the agenda, I don't remember this discussion and so it is not on the agenda currently, but like I said, if we will be able to have that discussion on Monday, it'll be very late.
- Approval of Moving GPSA Senate meeting to Saturday April 26.
  - Yes: 14

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- No: 23
- Abstain: 3

- **Desmond Aboagye:** We have reached a majority and the motion failed to pass.

07:25

New Business | Open Forum – Senator Reports

- **Ajay Barman:** Hi, everyone. There is a important message from our IAC committee chair, Naswa. By tomorrow she will be sending our updated bylaws to everyone, because whatever contribution we were making to update our bylaw for effective from fall semester need to be voted in our last meeting last Senate meeting. So when you will receive the bylaw tomorrow. Please go through it. And if you have any comment on any changes in bylaw, please. Email Nazua before next week's Wednesday, and during our Executive Board meeting next week on Thursday, we will discuss all the proposed changes from the Senator and in our last minute meeting we will vote on changing all the proposed bylaws effective from fall 2025 thank you. So please keep an eye open tomorrow for a email from Nazua.

07:28

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07:30

Adjournment