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- 5:30 | Call to Order
- Approval of Senate Meeting #12 Minutes
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #13 Agenda
  
- 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
  - Berto Cerrilo is fill in GPSA Advisor. Alex Roberts is no longer the GPSA advisor so Berto is the person to speak with when it comes to Purchase Orders etc.
  - WSU Week of Research!
    - All the events will be covered with Old Business
  - GPSA Programming
    - Yoga + Smoothie
      - March 22, 3:30 - 5:00 pm at Sanctuary Yoga Barre & Dance
      - Pre-registration required on CougSync, capped at 40
      - Many people showed up, great turnout.
    - Happy Hour @ Rico's
      - March 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Rico's
      - ½ priced food and wells
      - Bring valid ID (don't forget) for drink
      - First 30 people get fries
    - GPSA Soccer Tournament
      - Saturday April 6, 10:30 am - 5:00 pm at Valley Roads Playfields
      - One-day 5 v 5 double elimination
      - Pre-register on [CougSync](#)
      - Prizes for first and second place teams
  - PDI Events
    - **Writing Workshop Series: Writer's Block and Writing Strategies** by Elitza Kotzeva
      - Mar. 25, 1:00-3:00 pm
    - **Writing Lock In** with GWC Consultants available
      - April 1, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
    - **Panel Discussion: Balance of Work, Life, and Family** by Dr. Carmen R. Lugo-Lugo, Dr. Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo, Dr. Joanna Kelley, and Dr. Omar Cornejo
      - April 5, 3:30-5:00 pm



- **Doing Double Duty: Student Learning Outcomes as a Tool to Inform Teaching Practices and Assess Student Learning** by Dr. Donelle Posey, Clinical Associate Professor
  - April 10, 10:00 am -12:00 pm
  - LAST PDI EVENT OF THE YEAR!
- GPSA Census Survey
  - Available now:  
[https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7Vxuhaxix4ZQdaR](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Vxuhaxix4ZQdaR)
  - \$1,000 worth of prizes including 55" 4K TV
  - Be sure to complete prize drawing portion
  - Please spread the word
  - For questions, contact [gpsa.university@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.university@wsu.edu)
- Trans Day of Visibility
  - March 29, 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center
  - Hosted by GPAWS
  - Contact [gpaws.rso@wsu.edu](mailto:gpaws.rso@wsu.edu) for more information
- Insect Expo
  - April 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in Ensminger Pavilion
  - Free, great for kids and grown ups!
  - Games, crafts, live insects, demonstration, take home a pet
- Mental Health Speaker Series
  - Janet Lewis-Muth, Director of Health Promotion and Carleton College
  - Speaking on neuroplasticity and its relation to mental health
  - Day 1 is already complete, but check in to see if there is still space if you would like to join still.
  - [Two-days of events](#): March 25 & 26
- 5:40 - 5:50 | Open Floor
  - General concerns
    - Large TA courses that we have to do. Since a large increase in students, the classes are getting bigger but the TA's are expected to do more work.
    - Everyone appears to be recovering from preliminary exams. Additionally, PDI events appear to be occurring when many of us are in class so we have a hard time attending those events. Perhaps evenings, lunch time, or weekends?



- Zoom Question: TA has student with disabilities and there not a lot that is being done for students who have disabilities. In what ways is the university or GPSA addressing disability access?
- Items from the gallery
  - None
- 5:50 - 6:10 | Old Business
  - S&A Funding Request Submitted
    - Hearings and deliberations April 2 - 4
    - Decision submitted to Regents by April 12
    - Hopeful final vote on 2019-2020 budget by April 22
  - Showcase Events/Support
    - SHARC
      - March 29 12:00 - 3:00 pm in the CUB Auditorium
      - Full description, speakers, and info on [these slides](#)
      - If can't make it to a session, but want to go, there is a post-event at Paradise Creek Brewery from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Free drinks and appetizers
    - Research Expo
      - March 28, 7:30 - 11:30 am in CUB Senior Ballroom
      - Need 4 more volunteers
      - Get free breakfast, lunch and gift
      - Sign up on [CougSync](#)
  - Washington DC Advocacy Trip Recap
    - NAGPS Training – How did it go?
      - Took a team of 4 GPSA members and 2 who were not in GPSA
      - Student loans, mental health etc.
      - Higher Education Act reauthorization
  - Spring to Congress 2019
    - Opportunity for students to call congress about important higher ed priorities through the end of the semester
    - April 8-May 3
    - Contact representatives and raise concerns for the following: student loans, international student concerns, mental health, child care, research funding
    - Look for fliers and encourage others
    - Information will be made available in the GPSA office (CUB 308) and by request from the VP of Legislative Affairs ([gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu))



- 6:06 - 6:19 | Guest Speaker
  - Elizabeth Peisner, Interim Assistant Dean of Students
  - 509-335-5757
  - [elizabeth.peisner@wsu.edu](mailto:elizabeth.peisner@wsu.edu)
  - Building New Community Standards
  - 28 that were accepted and have been expanded upon
  - 2019 began new Center for Community Standards
    - Focus on more education rather than harsh sanctions
    - Rights and responsibilities of students new handbook
    - Community Oriented
    - Adjudicating is now out of the dean of students office:
      - Conduct, Appeals, Academic Integrity
    - The larger and the more diverse representation on these boards, the better. In fact, a majority of the boards need to be students.
    - Can apply and serve on these boards if interested. Board application is available online with all the details.
  
- 6:19 - 6:31 | Dialogue with Elizabeth Peisner
  - Q: ATVP on WSU campus this past October, there were individuals who participated in “Take Back the Night,” and some Fraternity members were yelling at women. This was supposed to be empowering, but was not the case and was concerning.
  - A: Was not here, but very familiar. What you are stating is an observed behavior of a student organization on campus. Avail yourself to the “chain of command.” If there is a problem with a fraternity issue, then there is a professional staff member that is associated with that student organization. Work your way to through those positions of action.
  - Q: I served on old iteration of SCB and one thing that was disheartening was the large prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse and student got kicked out largely from that. There were no real modules on drugs and alcohol still. What is the goal from this?
  - A: This is an ever evolving process, so we are open to feedback. Is this a conduct issue, or a respondent and actor issue? I am not a fan of kicking people out for drinking and substance issues. Engage in intervention and services so that they can stay here at WSU and take care of them.
  - Q: I’ve looked at other programs that use resident hall leaders and it ends up backfiring.



- A: Implement the good samaritan rule. So also codified in law, helping someone who is in distress and not getting in trouble if you are breaking the law.
  
- 6:31 - 6:36 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
- 6:37 - 7:07 | RSO Funding and GPSA Affiliate Funding
  - Applications open March 25 - April 17
  - Apply on CougSync
    - Option 1 - Regular RSO Funding
      - Modified minimally from last semester
      - Largely same process
      - Request funds for Fall (new max: \$800)
    - Option 2 - "Affiliate status" for 8 RSOs who opt-into a greater level of connection with GPSA
      - Must have a senator sponsor, spend 75% of funds, hold one community event a semester, and give one report to senate
      - Gets \$2,500 in funding for the year, free advertising for events, RSO Pres., VP, Secretary, and Treasurer each get \$50 scholarship
    - Normal process for all other RSOs
    - Can apply for both, but will only get approved for one
  - Decisions presented to senate April 22
  - Affiliate RSO Form: <https://orgsync.com/39017/forms/359220>
  - RSO Funding Form: <https://orgsync.com/39017/forms/359228>
- Q: Community event: Is that something that needs to be for WSU broadly?
- A: Yes, at least one event needs to impact the WSU community and everyone is invited.
- Q: Does affiliate funding mean that you have to document funding that you used previously? And does the contact senator have to still be here if I graduate? Does the senator have to be a current one?
- A: Yes, you need to have a current senator to have the RSO connection.
- Q: We have never had enough money to afford this? It's \$1,600 to give the scholarship when that could fund two other RSO's. What is the benefit?
- A: Not a lot of money but makes an impact for those in the community
- Q: Concern that there will not be enough funding for all the RSOs with this spread of funds:
- Comment: \$2,500 to 8 RSOs is cutting is a lot for many others.



- Q: Is the scholarship on top of the \$2,500 budget. What if the budget was \$2,300 and including \$200 in the total
- A: Yes.
- Q: Member of several RSOs. If you don't receive, then you can try other options. Not receiving this money is not going to be a big deal for some of the RSOs. If you are trying to bring in a speaker or something, that is sometimes costly and would need a lot of funding.
- Comment: On executive board is RSO, \$50 is not going to do very much. We are already fulfilling our expectations.
- Comment: Maybe could use this extra funding for something else, rather than just giving them extra funds.
- Comment: May have a high impact, since we may not know what this next year holds. Why not looking at increasing the \$30,000 cap for RSO funding?
- Comment: Maybe make affiliate requirement be that you have to mentor a smaller RSO or do an event together. It is also hard to get people months in advance, so I think large funding is good
- Comment: Same groups that typically get the maximum would continue to get the largest amount?
- A: Large turnover in leadership and thus there is not going to be the same groups in the affiliate positions.
- Question: Only a few groups that got a lot of funding. That is fine. Where did you get the number of 8 of only a few groups get over a thousand each semester?
- A: It is up to 8, not a required amount.
  - Motion: Strike the \$50 scholarship for the positions in the RSO status.
  - Motion to strike \$50 is not approved.
- 7:08 - 7:30 | New Business
  - Spring 2019 R&E Center Meeting
    - April 26 at the Wenatchee R&E Center
    - Coincides with 100th anniversary Washington State Apple Blossom Festival
    - Day of tour and meet & greet with R&E students
    - Evening events at carnival, breweries, or restaurants
    - AMS attendance available
    - Email [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu) if interested in going
  - GPSA Special Elections for College Representatives/Directors
    - Applications open on CougSync: March 25 - April 5
    - Three spots left to fill
    - Applicants from all colleges welcome, but vacant seats are for:



- College of Business
- College of Communication
- College of Veterinary Medicine
- GPSA VPLA 2019-2020 Candidate Presentation
  - Facilitated by President Elect Ralph Chikhany and Vice President Elect Veneice Guillory-Lacy
    - Candidate: Matthew Sutherland
    - Immediate Priorities:
      - Refine budget proposal
      - Define Priorities
      - Timeline for the year of goals and objective
      - Survey to elected members to understand graduate student legislative priorities and implement them into the legislative agenda
      - Refinancing, ISA language, Women's/LGBTQ health priorities, mental health, sexual assault, undocumented immigrants, residency requirements, investment in higher education

Question: Seems to be a disconnect between our legislatures and GPSA. How can you ease that relationship to make our discussion and relationships a reality? Also, was house budget included a lot of money for recovery. You included a lot of information but didn't address drugs and alcohol.

Question: You mention easing easing residency requirements. What exactly do you mean by that?

A: State residency requirements for people coming in from out of state

- Motion to confirm Matthew Sutherland as the 2019-2020 VPLA
  - Motion Approved
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- 7:30 | Adjournment