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- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #8 Minutes
    - Approved
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #9 Agenda
    - Approved
  
- 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
  - Broken Emails Update
    - If you are having issues with not receiving replies to your emails to the executive board please re send them. The issue has now been resolved.
  - Legislative Affairs
    - They are in/driving back from Olympia, we wish them safe travels
    - Meetings went well, each group met with 4 or 5 representatives
  - PDI Events
    - You're a Teaching Assistant: Congrats! Now What? with Dr. Paul Buckley
      - Jan. 29, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
    - Interviewing and Negotiating for Industry Careers: The Cheeky Scientist
      - Feb. 1, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
    - Three Minute Thesis Information Session: Brandon Chapman, Director of Marketing and Communications
      - Feb. 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am
    - Dr. Karen Kelsky of The Professor is In
      - Hacking the Academic Job Market
        - Feb. 7, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
      - Sexual Harassment in the Academy
        - Feb. 8, 9:00 - 11:00 am
  - Information Session for WSU's new community standards process
    - Jan. 30, 1:00 - 2:00 pm in CUB L60 (Butch's Den)
    - For more information:  
<https://www.communitystandards.wsu.edu/campus-sessions/>
    - They are looking for student input.
  - Bias Advisory Response Team (BART) Spring Unity Week Planning Meeting
    - Jan. 29, 2:00 pm



- Feedback on Fall Unity Week requested, will be hosting a spring unity week and in what ways can they improve in the future.
- Contact [gpsa.internal@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.internal@wsu.edu) to comment or attend meeting.
  
- 5:35 - 5:45 | Guest Speaker
  - Francis Benjamin, Co-Chair Pullman 2040 Committee (Psychology Department) | [francis@fabconsult.com](mailto:francis@fabconsult.com) | 509-432-6428
  - Pullman 2040: Community vision for development from a grass roots level on how this community can be improved.
    - Looking at where we have been and where we are going.
    - Looking for ways to further help resolve the needs that the grad students have in this community (what would we like pullman to look like in 2040). They are looking for more grad students to engage with this organization.
      - Welcoming family community
      - Enhancing the trail system
      - Improving the downtown/transportation and more infrastructure development (possibility of creating a bypass).
    - Steps they have taken:
      - **Welcome sign** and in the future video featuring the cultural diversity of Pullman.
      - **Helping people get to know their neighbors**, “the hill program,” helps to create an atmosphere of connectedness.
      - **Wayfinding**: collecting information from residents to help improve signs and directions.
      - **Downtown development**: “Music on main,” increasing the vibrancy of downtown
      - **Infrastructure development** at the airport: Increasing the length of the runway and development of a better terminal.
      - **Young Professionals group**: opportunity for networking.
      - **Hospital**: Increase in medical care, providing a residency capable hospital with electronic medical records.
      - **Food Security/Housing Security**: Identifying ways in which this community can improve. New bond to develop a senior center and youth center.
      - **Trail System**: Improving a trail system all of the way to Colfax to give more recreation options.
  
- 5:45 - 6:00 | Dialogue with Francis Benjamin
  - Question about trail riding possibilities extending out to Palouse:



- Various issues with providing access and the terrain, opportunities to tap into other existing trail systems.
  - Question regarding community acceptance of the pullman 2040 vision.
    - Most residents are very excited about the growth that is happening.
  - Question regarding bringing Trader Joe's to Pullman/Moscow.
    - Pullman mayor has been reaching out to many big brand stores to assess the viability of many of these stores. We are not listed as a metropolitan area even though we are in so close proximity to Moscow.
  - Question regarding the development of Google Maps in a growing town like Pullman.
    - They are actively working with local businesses to encourage them to increase their correctness online.
  - Question regarding ADA approval of facilities in Pullman:
    - Many new sidewalks have been made ADA approved, our newest park will be ADA as well. Downtown is actively working to improve their parking in this area.
  - Question regarding the combined Palouse identity:
    - Many groups have been identified to promote the working relationship between the two areas, they are always looking to improve. Food security and housing security are both being assessed from a regional perspective.
  - Question regarding opportunities for “things to do in Pullman.”
    - They are concerned about the ability to create relevant databases that will engage with a database like this.
  - Question regarding the ability to have access to pools or the Snake River.
    - Lots of resources have been applied to increasing the Wawai park, pools have been very expensive.
  - Question regarding increase in funding for improving downtown.
    - They are actively recruiting investors and working with organizations to make the downtown more vibrant.
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- 6:13 - 6:23 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
  
  - 6:10 - 6:25 | Open Floor
    - Open Discussion: Department check-ins! What is the news in your department? How are your constituents doing? Is there anything flying under the radar you would like to share with the senate body? Share with your



table, offer ideas, and provide support. After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu).

- Comments:
  - Rachel Wong: Talked about the health care receiving at Cougar Health. Some of their care seems questionable. Costs are high for graduate students.
    - This issue will be brought up during the next SHAC meeting in February
  - Haley: Prescriptions have been written explicitly stating that they cannot be replaced by generic, does this have something to do with
    - This also will be brought up during SHAC meeting
  - Miles Sari: Concerns from another student. Materials requested from the WSU library are having difficulty getting transferred to the Spokane Library. Also many of the bathrooms on campus do not have changing rooms for parents.
  - Sadie: Stipend levels, ability to increase the funding available for students that are taking on larger class sizes to TA.
  - Dishary: Working on the institutional climate and promoting building lactation rooms on campus. She is available to provide more comments to the administration in these areas.
- If you would like to provide initial comments please email David Silva.
- Items from the gallery
  - None
- 6:37 - 6:40 | Old Business
  - Stipend Level Discussion Update
    - Meeting with Dean of Graduate School scheduled for Jan. 30 at 2:30 pm
    - More updates after that
    - Census survey
      - Assistantship hours are variable in their hours.
      - Most GPSA members rent.
      - Most graduate students feel that they are not able to attend conferences.
      - Good distribution of step levels.
  - RSO Affiliate Funding
    - Five Secondary Funding Applications received
      - All of these requests have been approved, only 3 of the initial 17 groups actually submitted their applications.
    - Let your RSOs know there is still some funding available.



- There is a cap at \$200 per event.
- New process will pick several “Affiliates” with guaranteed funding and have secondary system for other RSOs
  - The new process will select groups that have been selected as long tem affiliates so funding will be more streamlined in the future.
- GPSA Elections
  - Application open February 1 and close March 1 at 11:59 pm
  - Apply on CougSync, they will only be open during these times.
- GPSA Research Expo
  - 190 abstracts received and reviewed
    - Most applications that have been received in the past, only 80 will be selected.
    - In the future it will be good to try and make this event even bigger.
  - Final decisions will be emailed soon
- Washington Student Association (WSA) Fee Request
  - Conversation is being dropped until further notice (until the WAS gets back to us).
- GPSA Excellence Awards
  - Apply on CougSync
  - Seven categories:
    - Academic Advisor
    - Graduate Staff Assistant
    - Graduate Research Assistant
    - Graduate Teaching Assistant
    - Graduate Student Instructor
    - Registered Student Organization
  - Applications close March 15 (not Feb. as wrongly stated in last meeting)
    - Please nominate a colleague and be sure to provide a well written application.
- 6:40 - 7:11 | New Business
  - Western NAGPS Conference
    - Applications open Jan. 28, 7:30 pm and close on February 15th
    - Apply on CougSync: <https://orgsync.com/39017/forms/351727>
    - What is it?



- The Western Regional board of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) puts on an annual conference, which acts as a multi-day leadership training event for interested graduate-professional students. Grad-prof students from associated universities (basically, west of the Rocky Mountains) will converge this year at Portland State University to discuss the importance of higher education and develop leadership skills for current and future student leaders.
- Deadline for applications: TBD
- On conference website: <https://blogs.uoregon.edu/nagpsw19/> there are applications for their western regional board if you are interested.
- Where is it?
  - Portland, Oregon
- When is it?
  - March 22nd-24th, 2019
- What are the requirements to attend?
  - No previous NAGPS experience is required
  - All graduate-professional students are welcome to apply
  - Students interested in attending must be able to commit to all days of the event
  - Selected students must communicate a commitment to continued leadership either at WSU or in their intended careers.
- Email [gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu) for questions!
- Research Week Events
  - Issue for graduate students - lack of funding
  - Updates from Dir. of Community Affairs, Tiffany Alvarez
    - TEDx 2019 is not happening this year - will be transplanted into 2020 efforts (returning to our roots).
    - Scholars Harmonizing and Adapting for the Community
      - To enrich the WSU-Pullman community through research based collaboration that is a graduate students driven and community based.
      - Looking at developing collaboration and attempting to increase the opportunities available and adapt their research program to make it more community focused.



- These factors will help students engage with the community to increase their ability to receive funding in the future.
- Details for SHARK:
  - Session 1: What are benefits of collaboration.
  - Session 2: What does it look like to adapt your research to be based around an informed community.
  - Session 3: SHARK session, information session with individuals that are actively creating this environment of collaboration.
  - Afterwards there will be a networking event
- Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please email Tiffany [tiffany.alvarez@wsu.edu](mailto:tiffany.alvarez@wsu.edu)
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
  - Still here, still meeting people!
- 7:12 | Adjournment