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I. Call to Order (5:30pm)

- A. Approve Minutes (5:30pm)
 1. Minutes approved
- B. Fall travel grants close tonight
- C. Affiliate funding for spring 2018
 1. Reviewed and approved the list of RSOs that were and weren't awarded funding- (5:37pm)
- D. GPSA Excellence Awards open
- E. Cougar Day at the Capitol- Jan 21-22nd in Olympia- training this Friday at 3p
- F. Stipend Cut update
 1. the cuts to the College of Civil and Mechanical Engineering are no longer cut for this semester. But there will be cuts in the future. There will be a statement sent out about what has been done.
- G. Legislative News
 1. Tax reform Bill-117 (d)(5) which affected our tuition was removed! However, the rest of the tax bill was passed
 2. DACA- still unresolved. March 5th is the deadline and on January 19th the government runs out of money. We will keep a watchful eye on this issue.
 3. Higher Education Act- manages how the government treats Higher Education, for example: student loans and how they are paid back.
 - a) It has been 10 years since this bill has been reauthorized
 - b) There may be changes to student loans and how they are organized
 - c) This will be a topic of focus for GPSA for this semester
- H. Open Floor- the senators separated into their colleges to discuss possible topics
 1. Updates on Traffic
 - a) there is a new APP for the Pullman Busses – it will help you find where the bus is and how full it is. It is found on the Pullman Transit Website
 - b) They are also thinking of expanding the Express from 2-3 busses
 - c) Pullman Transit has been invited to give a presentation on this.
 2. Print paper supply has been cut for the Daily Evergreen
 - a) Due to the budget cuts there is a budget deficit \$136,000 for student media.
 - b) So they are wanting to cut down the printing to only 3 days
 - c) Emergency meeting on Wednesday
 3. Student Insurance options- There is the universities insurance which is based on the population of students, which the Professional students are currently unable to apply for. However, this is being worked on.



4. Defining Professional and Graduate students
 - a) Professionals- are becoming professionals in their field and are earning degrees.
 - b) Graduate Students- are earning a higher degree in their chosen field
5. Transferring from one GPSA to another- A question for the Registrars Office
6. End of Open floor (6:05pm)
- I. Old Business (6:05 pm)
 1. Director's Update
 - a) Director of Internal Affairs
 - (1) Senate Satisfaction Survey
 - (a) The senate generally agreed that the GPSA presented relevant topics and that the 5 minute intermission is good
 - (b) 78% believed they were useful when in their committees
 - (2) General Elections are coming up and opens Feb 1- March 1 and elections are on March 5th
 - b) Director of Professional Development
 - (1) (Absent)
 - (2) PDI- for planning your Professional Development
 - (a) Matrix is in the slide sets
 - c) Director of Grants and Scholarships
 - (1) Total requested funds- \$121, 091.89
 - (2) Total funds awarded \$62,320.64
 - (3) Graduate students \$48,495.75
 - (4) Professional students \$13,824.89
 - (5) Some of the form questions have been re-written, so all who wish to apply are encouraged on reading the form and requirements prior to applying.
 - (6) May see changes with travel grants
 - d) Director of Programming
 - (1) Absent
 - e) Director of Strategic Planning
 - (1) There is a new rubric for abstracts.
 - (2) Research Expo March 29th
 - (3) Editing the Strategic Plan for when it expires in 2019
 - f) Director of Communications
 - (1) Media, Minuets, Monday Minutes



- (2) Reconstructing the GPSA website
- (3) Bought a Camera
- (4) For this semester- Meeting minutes will be attached to the Monday Minute
- (5) SWAG ideas- the Communications Committee is taking on suggestions
 - (a) Send to gpsa.communications@wsu.edu by January 31st
- (6) Follow GPSA on Facebook and Twitter
- (7) General Elections- Current Senators will be featured
 - (a) Need a professional photo and a statement of what you do/like about GPSA
 - (b) If you do not have a professional photo, there will be a free photographer at the next meeting January 22nd.
 - (c) An email will be sent to the senators providing an example.
 - (d) Send photo and quote to gpsa.communications@wsu.edu by January 31st
- g) Director of University Affairs
 - (1) Keep track of report forms
 - (a) The google report forms on the committees
 - (2) The events on campus
 - (a) International events and local
 - (b) Things that are going on that affect the students
 - (3) Census survey
 - (a) The format will be changing and the Graduate school will be helping with the next census
 - (b) By the end of February a new survey will be sent out for the GPSA to fill out
- h) Director of Community Affairs
 - (1) Yoga Wellness Week.
 - (a) Over 70 participants
 - (b) Feed back is welcome
 - (2) Amazon Catalyst Grant- College hill is no longer recycling
 - (a) The City of Pullman is no longer accepting glass recycling.
 - (3) Paint by Number Mural
 - (4) Sponsoring MLK week



- (a) Shawn King will be hosting a meet and greet on the 18th from 4:15-5:15pm
 - (5) TedX – there are 8 sub committees for this
 - (a) Will occur some time in April
 - (6) Community Culture Kitchen
 - (a) Learn how to make different ethnic foods
- J. New Business (6:50pm)
- 1. Fall 2017 Highlights
 - a) The Tax Reform Bill, Report on Unionization, Student Stipends, Sexual Assault Policy Letter (will be going in front of the Athletics board by the end of the month), Resolution Denouncing White Supremacy, Setting a precedent on snacks at public meetings in the CUB, GPSA serving the University Campus Climate Working Group, Professional Development crafting a matrix for your academic career.
- K. Adjournment (6:54pm)