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**I. Call to Order (5:30pm)**

- A. Approve Minutes (5:30pm)  
1. Minutes approved

**II. Guest Speakers (5:30 - 6:00pm)**

A. Mary Jo Gonzales, Vice President of Student Affairs

1. Mary Jo communicates with students (undergrad and grad) about their needs and issues, and elevates them to the people concerned.
2. Becoming more receptive to the needs of first generation students.
3. Past 9 months:
  - a) Attending meetings with student organizations, getting a sense of what student needs are and how they can engage in the community.
  - b) Even if advocacy is not made public, a lot of issues are discussed “at the table” (including the latest tax reform bill issue)
  - c) Division of student affairs: have not had a permanent Vice President of Student Affairs in the past couple of years before Mary Jo’s arrival, which caused many bureaucratic issues and a loss of 1.2 million dollars.
  - d) Making sure there are enough advocates for social issues
  - e) Thorough budget analysis, especially after the deficit issue, and doing what is required to fix the issue (including fundraisers, raising fees - which is usually the last resort)
4. Question and Answer Session with Mary Jo Gonzales
  - a) Budget reconciliation: athletics are given a longer period to reconcile their budget
    - (1) They are taking as much as everyone else is in terms of time (started about a year and a half ago) – they have more debt especially related to buildings were built without Maintenance and Operation fees – 8 positions were reduced over the summer
  - b) Fees schedule that would potentially add fees to schedule
    - (1) there will be increase in fees in the near future and clarification on the yearly 2.5% budget reduction (it’s a 2.5% cut every year for the next 3 years)
  - c) Comment: definition of first generation student is ambiguous; is there a way to spread the “correct” definition university wide



- (1) One of the most used definitions is a first generation student is a person pursuing a college degree and neither parent has completed a bachelors degree
- d) Budget reconciliation: admitting more freshmen and increasing class sizes. Comment on how that will affect the quality of education?
  - (1) WSU is currently trying to increase the number of students in the incoming first year freshmen class. This may increase class sizes but the decision is that of the deans from each of the colleges. Talk to your dean if you are concerned about this issue as a graduate or professional student
- e) Will the Standards of our university suffer by accepting more students to the univeristy?
  - (1) The standards will not suffer and academic readiness will not decrease but if you have questions you can contact [Eric Godfrey](#), the Executive Director of Enrollment Management Programs.
- f) In the past, more than \$30 million that we did not account for. What has been implemented to avoid this happening future?
  - (1) President has it outlined in his memo, and will hold the people in charge accountable via expenditure reviews, making sure hiring processes are slow, or effective and efficient (quality of people who are hired)
- g) Salary cuts: a student proposes that graduate housing rents are reduced to help students out
  - (1) Students self-select where they live, but the idea will be brought up.
- h) Graduate housing rates have been increasing every year
  - (1) Housing offices have to cover all issues related to the rentals, not the state. Office has been making sure that all increases are justified and well explained
- i) Finance proposals: making some cuts to higher paid administrators
  - (1) No comment
- j) Improving transparency for sudden cut in performing arts.
  - (1) Fiscal analysis: if irrational spending were to continue, the university would have \$0 reserve in 3 years. Performing arts position were all on temporary funding (not permanent). President Schulz has information regarding his plans for our [budget reconciliation](#)



- k) Regarding the 1% increase on faculty and staff salaries: cut the salaries now, and then increase it when required
  - (1) No comment
- l) Significant budget cut and [Drive to 25](#): conflict?
  - (1) Mary Jo does not see it as a conflict: making sure that all of the programs are contributing to the retention and graduation of students on campus
  - (2) Budget issues give a clarity on what needs to be done by the Student Affairs office better for that Drive to 25.
- m) Budget cuts: once balance books what happens? How does this affect future issues like this?
  - (1) President made it clear that he would not have went with the budget cuts solution
  - (2) Using bodies like GPSA to make sure that this does not happen in the future.
- n) Efforts for first generation students are appreciated. What are some measures made to support undocumented student?
  - (1) Hard to predict political landscape.
  - (2) No specific pathway with the actions of the federal government
  - (3) Multiple conversations were made with undocumented students to support them.
- o) Metrics for Drive to 25: 11 metrics
  - (1) Seven of them relate directly to Student Affairs. Trying to increase money from federal government and external resources to fund research. This is what is meant by expenditures. Contact [Dr. Christopher Keane](#), the Vice President of Research, if you have questions.

### **III. Important Announcements (6:00 - 6:15pm)**

#### **A. GPSA Elections**

- 1. Half your term is already up!
  - a) Consider running for re-election (You must reapply again)
  - b) Consider taking on a bigger role within GPSA (Director, Exec Office)
  - c) GPSA Elections are in March

#### **B. [Fall Travel Registration Grant](#)**

- 1. Period Closes January 5th, 2018
- 2. Applications close on January 8th, 2018



3. Note: **Spring 2018 travel (January - April, 2018) will require a travel approval form as part of the grant application practice.**
- C. Openings For [University Committees](#)
- D. 2018 GPSA Research Exposition
  1. A Collaboration with Academic Showcase
    - a) Abstract Submission is open: 11/27/17 - 1/22/18
    - b) The Expo will be held on Thursday March, 29, 2018
- E. [GPSA Senator Satisfaction Survey](#)
  1. Your input is needed!
    - a) Survey will be taken during the Senate meeting
- F. Affiliate Funding For Spring 2018 Has Been Awarded
  1. 40 RSO's applied, 28 awarded
  2. Funding is competitive – many were disqualified because they did not submit a semester in Review Form
  3. Senate will vote on and approve allocations over \$1,000
- G. [GPSA Excellence Awards Are Open](#)
  1. Great way to enhance your CV
  2. Awardees for TA, GA, RA, GSI will receive a \$500 scholarship
    - a) 8 awards, two per category
  3. Closes: 2/15/18 at 11:59pm
- H. Cougar Day at the Capitol
  1. Application will be open until Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Great opportunity to make grad-prof issues known to state legislators.
- I. Programming Event
  1. Etsi Bravo Night
    - a) Tentatively set for December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- J. Yoga wellness week
  1. December 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Sanctuary Yoga, Barre & Dance.
  2. Free Classes for all grad and prof students.
- K. Presenters for Spring 2018
  1. Who should we invite?
    - a) Send requests to [ypgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:ypgpsa@wsu.edu)
- L. Trip to Vancouver Recap
  1. Did not go as planned.
  2. Will try to get back out there in January – February.
  3. Conversation to expand GPSA to other campuses will continue
- M. NAGPS Conference Recap
  1. Preconference on research methods: applicable experience, learned about different research methods and tools:



- a) The open science framework (like Dropbox but with tools specific to science)
  - b) DMP (Data Management Plan) – survey to track large number of people
  - c) Templates for funding proposals
2. Representatives noticed that WSU’s GPSA is one of the “best” grad students associations, compared to others nationwide.
  3. Reelecting the new president and VP, and going over their budget.
  4. Tax reform issue: we all need to speak up, even if you are graduating this semester.
    - a) Follow the WSU GPSA [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page to stay informed and for suggestions on how to best speak up
- N. Student Government Council Recap
1. Passed a Resolution for affordable childcare on all WSU campuses
  2. Though tabled for another meeting, ASWSU Spokane wants a PDI on their campus
- O. PDI Events
1. More events at: <https://gradschool.wsu.edu/pdi/events/list/>

#### **IV. Open Floor (6:15 - 6:45pm)**

- A. If you have colleagues/constituents that have something to say, please invite them to speak during open floor.
1. Administrators constantly mention “support” to graduate students, but nothing is on paper or in writing
    - a) Shane: Urge the President to be more vocal about graduate student concerns.
  2. Suggestion for people from housing to come and discuss some issues (including increase in rent fees – 13 senators in graduate housing).
    - a) [Amir](#) will work to get someone to come in and speak for Spring 2018
  3. TEDxWSU is happening – contact [Tiffany](#) if interested in being on a committee.

#### **V. Old Business (6:45pm - 7:15pm)**

- A. Student Salaries and Budget Update
1. MME has made arrangements to mitigate the TA-stipend reduction during the Spring 2018
  2. Instead of \$537 decrease, it will be \$250



3. Summer 2018 – full cuts will be implemented.

B. International Grad-Prof Student Survey Follow Up

1. Remind students to take the survey to bring in more responses

C. Tax reform bill update

1. What to do:

a) Share stories.

b) Call in.

c) Social media: use #ReworkTheReform, tag @WSU\_GPSA on Twitter.

d) Get family and friends involved.

e) Contact GPSA for suggestions.

(1) Follow the WSU GPSA [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page to stay informed and for suggestions on how to best speak up

**VI. New Business (7:15pm - 7:30pm)**

A. Confirmation of Affiliate Funding Allocations

1. Motion Passes

B. GPSA Directors Update

1. Pushed to Senate Meeting 01/08/18

**VII. Adjournment (7:34pm)**



**Appendix:**

**I. GPSA Executive Board & Director Reports**  
**November 2, 2017—November 15, 2017**

**President's Report — Shane R. Reynolds**

**No report. Please see the President.**

**Vice President's Report — Amir Gilmore**

- 11/2
  - Checked in with the Student Involvement Advisor Brian Shuffield
- 11/6
  - Attended and facilitated Senate meeting #6
  - Attended Navigating Health Care PDI Event
- 11/7
  - Prep for GPSA trip to Vancouver
  - Meet with President Schulz about Athletics
    - Stressed about the importance of having an Athletics Director that is inclusive, friendly, and is well able to communicate about social issues.
- 11/8
  - Attended Research and Arts Meeting
  - Interview with Murrow News Cable 8 about student stipends
- 11/9
  - Met with Interim Grad School Dean Lisa Gloss about the state of the tax bill
- 11/11
  - Went to Vancouver to talk about establishing a GPSA on the WSU Vancouver campus
    - Did not go as planned
      - Will try again in the Spring semester
- 11/14
  - Attend Elson S Floyd Advisory Council Meeting
- 11/15
  - Reviewed materials for Student Government Council meeting on 11/17/17
  - Reviewed and graded applications for Spring 2018 Affiliate Funding
    - Over 35 applications
    - About 13 did not have semester in review forms

**VPLA's Report — Josh Munroe**

- 11/2
  - PDI Exec Board meeting
  - Finalized details of Coug Day at the Capitol Application
  - Meeting with Colleen Kerr, Vice President of Government Relations
- 11/6



- Attended Navigating Health Care PDI event
- Started outreach work focused on the GOP tax reform bill in the House
- Numerous presentations given during GPSA Senate Meeting
- 11/7
  - Met with President Schulz about the current state of athletics, the AD search, and a little about the tax bill
- 11/8
  - Hosted an impromptu “Call Congress” event focused on the tax bill
  - Interview with the Daily Evergreen about the tax bill
  - Interview with Murrow News Cable 8 about student stipends
  - Conference call with WSA, COP, Title IX coordinators, and student leaders from around the state on the topic of Title IX enforcement and student conduct
  - Attended Women in STEM planning meeting
- 11/9
  - Met with Grad School to discuss Grad Survey to be distributed in the spring
  - Met with Interim Grad School Dean Lisa Gloss about the state of the tax bill
  - Opened application for Cougar Day at the Capitol
- 11/13
  - Started work with Director of Federal Relations Glynda Becker about collecting data about student impact regarding the tax bill
- 11/14
  - Attended DACA and Dreamers lecture, sponsored by the Foley Institute
  - Held Legislative Affairs Committee meeting, discussed SGC and CDatC priorities
- 11/15
  - Check-in call with the WSA regarding Title IX outreach to the state legislature
  - Phone call with Glynda Becker about collecting student impact stories
  - Reached out to GPSA Pullman, ASWSU Spokane, and ASWSU Vancouver about collecting said student stories

### **Director of Professional Development Report – Jenn Johnson**

- 11/2
  - Attended Executive Committee meeting for PDI
  - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event
  - Checked on performance agreements with upcoming speakers
  - Updated budget to reflect all past events and purchases
- 11/6
  - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: Navigating Health Care
  - Sent emails to committee members
  - Added to and refined PDI budget
  - Prepared for upcoming events (gathered materials, sent emails, upload documents, etc.)
  - Updated committee minutes and tracking
  - Gathered, organized, and debriefed on previous events
- 11/7
  - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: PPS – Abstracts





- Updated PDI budget and other PDI documents
- 11/8
  - Sent emails to PD committee
- 11/9
  - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: WFLA
  - Updated PDI budget
- 11/10
  - Worked on Transition documents for Director of PD
- 11/13
  - Sent documents to speakers
  - Sent email to PD committee
- 11/14
  - Sent emails to PD committee
- 11/15
  - Responded to graduate student's emails and organized PDI involvement in GPS activities
  - Completed DoPD board report

#### **Director of Communications Report – Candace Chappelle**

- 11/02
  - Attended NAGPS Conference in Syracuse, NY
- 11/03
  - Attended NAGPS Conference in Syracuse, NY
- 11/04
  - Attended NAGPS Conference in Syracuse, NY
- 11/05
  - Travel from Syracuse, New York for National NAGPS Conference to Pullman
- 11/06
  - Updated budget to reflect all past events and purchases
  - Attended Senate Meeting #6
  - Created Revisions for Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 11/07
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 11/08
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 11/09
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 11/10
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
  - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/11
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
  - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter



- 11/12
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 11/13
  - Facilitated Committee Meeting
  - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
  - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/14
  - generated content to post on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/15
  - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter

#### **Director of Grants Report – Motahare Athariboroujeny**

- Met with my committee in two different meetings and discuss the reviewing process and application itself
- Discuss on a new advisor approval form
- Attended LEAD award committee meeting

#### **Director of University Affairs Report – David Silva**

- 11/7
  - Shared results and methods of International Student Survey with Office of International Affairs
- 11/9
  - Met with Dr. Lebeau about Graduate School Census Survey. Discussed items to include, timeline for release, and the makeup of the GPSA Census Survey and theory based item creation
  - Eleanor Dixon will be drafting first version on the GPSA survey
  - Goal is distribution in February-March of spring 2018
- 11/13-11/17
  - Data analysis with University Affairs Committee of International Student Survey
  - Preliminary results and recommendations for follow-up forthcoming
- 11/13-11/17
  - Reviewing University Committee Reports
  - Drafting FA17 summary to share with GPSA Senate
  - Review improvements in efficiency and reminder structure for next semester
- 11/19
  - Update University Affairs transition documents

#### **Director of Strategic Planning & Scholarship – Jing Sun**

- 11/6
  - Met Amir and discussed committee Budget
  - Met Committee member Ruiyin and prepared the meeting with WSU foundation
- 11/7
  - Met Alex and Discussed event planning on GPSA research expo



- 11/9
  - Met Ana from WSU foundation and discussed the collaboration between WSU Academic showcase and GPSA Research exposition
  - Attended GPSA exec board meeting
- 11/11 – 11/12
  - Went to Vancouver, WA Outreach GPSA to Vancouver campus
- 11/14
  - Met committee member Kunle and discussed GPSA research exposition
- 11/15
  - Committee meeting
- 11/17
  - Edited the GPSA research expo abstract submission guidelines
  - Prepared the information for websites updates

**Director of Community Affairs – Tiffany Alvarez**

**No report. Please see Director.**

**Director of Internal Affairs Report – Sanaz Jarolmasjed**

- Worked with committee members on the satisfaction survey
- Finalized the survey to go online for next senate meeting
- Working on the bylaws with committee members
- Attended graduate studies committee meeting

**Director of Programming Report – Brittany Wood**

**No report. Please see Director.**