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I. Call to Order (5:30pm)

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

II. Guest Speakers

- A. Terry Boston, Associate Vice President, Operations & Finance (WSU Housing & Dining)

1. Lack of off campus housing for graduate & professional students and lack of short term housing, for instance 1 semester students
 - a) Shared graduate housing (Steptoe) is considered short term housing
 - b) Short term housing for faculties and residents present (Valley Crest)
2. Difficulty of international people communicating with Valley Crest staff, especially for short term visitors
 - a) Get the details and email them to housing@wsu.edu (Bob or Terry). They will look at the specific issues.
3. GPSA needs to notify WSU housing about short term graduate housing demands so they can set housing aside for it accordingly
4. Poor internet quality
 - a) Graduate students may prefer getting their own internet
 - b) WSU housing working on it and need to invest on infrastructure
 - c) Planning on replacing cable internet with GPON for more reliable service
5. (Zoom) Whom do we contact regarding establishing housing for research center students?
 - a) WSU not in a position to handle it currently
 - b) Based on the demand, WSU housing will try to work with the local community, extension agent, research programs, etc. to make arrangements
6. Need to create a website resource that has information on all housing and availability that will include the rates
7. To what extent is WSU housing connected to university in terms of budgets?
 - a) Directly connected. WSU housing doesn't receive state money
8. What safeguards do WSU housing have for students that undergo sudden financial burden, for instance, students that could be affected by the stipend cut
 - a) WSU housing will try to figure out how to work with the problem if a problem like that arises



- b) They can try to make accommodations such as not charge termination fee
- 9. Is WSU housing planning on expanding accommodations given the increasing number of students and many being in the waiting list?
 - a) WSU housing in the process of refreshing long range plans until 2022
 - b) Constraints due to maintaining reserves and WSU financial situation
- 10. WSU housing needs feedback.
 - a) They would like to know about the issues and meet the needs
 - b) Send email to housing@wsu.edu and mention who the email is directed to

B. Sierra Wu, Awareness Coordinator and Media Marketing Coordinator, WSU Access Center

- 1. Not present. She will be rescheduled

III. Important Announcements

A. GPSA Elections

- 1. Half of 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) Applications open February 1st
 - d) GPSA Elections are in March 6-7

B. GPSA Budget Time

- 1. GPSA is starting the process of re-writing the budget for the 2018-19 academic year
 - a) If you have suggestions, please bring it up during senate, or tell your committee director
 - b) Budget Timeline Goes:
 - (1) 1/22/18: Budget Suggestions
 - (2) 2/12/18: Draft of S&A Budget
 - (a) Time will be allocated for discussion and friendly amendments to the budget
 - (i) Friendly amendments will be approved or denied by Senate vote
 - (3) 2/26/18: Approval of the S&A Budget
 - (a) Should be a formality
 - (b) If the budget is not approved, GPSA will not be funded for the 2018-19 academic year**

C. GPSA Bylaws Are Being Updated



1. Draft of bylaw changes should be released to the Senators in the coming weeks
- D. [Spring 2018 Travel Grants Are Now Open](#)
 1. Travel Period: January 6, 2018 - April 13, 2018
 2. January 9, 2018 - April 16, 2018
- E. GPSA Advocacy Travel Opportunities
 1. NAGPS Legislative Action Days, Spring 2018
 - a) Will be the weekend of March 10th-13th, though some days may be added around that weekend.
 - b) Contact Josh ASAP if you're interested in going to D.C. to advocate. We're looking for people who want to do advocacy work in the future, in both GPSA and your future careers.
 2. NAGPS Western Region Conference
 - a) Boulder, CO on the weekend of April 13th-15th.
 - b) Partner with universities west of the Rockies and develop leadership skills! Again, contact Josh if interested.
- F. [2018 GPSA Research Exposition](#)
 1. Abstract Submissions are close: 1/22/18
 - a) The Expo will be held on Thursday March, 29, 2018
- G. [GPSA Excellence Awards Are Open](#)
 1. Awardees for TA, GA, RA, GSI will receive a \$500 scholarship
 - a) 8 awards, two per category
 2. Closes: 2/15/18 at 11:59pm
- H. [GPSA UFit 4.0](#)
 1. Win prizes for exercising
 2. Register [here](#)

IV. **Open Floor**

- A. The senator separated into their colleges for discussion
 1. What does the student media board (SMB) encompass?
 - a) It encompasses the Daily Evergreen, WSU Magazine, and Chinook yearbook
 - b) SMB pays salaries to students
 - c) SMB receives money Services and Activities (S&A) and advertising (decreased by 60%)
 - d) Students will need to pay a fee to SMB to cover the money
 - e) Overall consensus among the board is \$5 fee
 - f) Pick up rate of newspaper is about 52%



- g) If we go full electronic, will that cause any damage, for example students losing jobs? It would be difficult to continue the readership
- h) (Senate) Against any additional fees on top of S&A fees. The SMB should not be supported by the students
- i) (Senate) If the supplement fee is only \$5 a semester, why not pay it when it will support business/jobs
- j) Has SMB considered printing less to save money, given the pickup rate is 52%? Yes
- k) (Senate) Technology is taking over worldwide, why ignore it? Doesn't agree \$5 isn't a lot of money
- l) The fight isn't for just printing. It is for paying for manpower, photographers, etc. It's for student media as a whole. Many issues we are concerned about wouldn't be heard of if it weren't for the Daily Evergreen
- m) Faculty also has to pay a fee for reading Daily Evergreen

B. Turning Point USA (Charlie Kirk)

- 1. (Senate) Activist conservative group coming to speak to WSU. It is a legitimate WSU event. We need to oppose this and provide counter
- 2. (Shane) We are aware of this and it is going to happen. The group didn't break any rules. Student Affairs trying to make sure we are well prepared for it. Their posters don't meet WSU requirement

C. Affiliate funding

- 1. (Senate) We should have this for open floor topic next Senate meeting
- 2. We need to figure out if we should ask S&A for more money

V. Old Business

- A. None.

VI. New Business

A. Our meeting with Dr. Asif Chaudhry (12/4/17)

- 1. INTO Program - will help diversity in programs. We have issues with the current international students we have on campus. If any issue, email office of international programs. Reach out with International Students Council.

B. The senators discussed the GPSA Budget

- 1. Request for coffee/snacks at other stations



- a) Comment: Instead of us providing the funds, the RSO's should cover it
- b) PDI events - food voucher. Even for senate meeting, snack is reasonable.
2. They can provide us with the budget, and we can incorporate that in our own budget.
3. Q: \$36000 for senate scholarship. We have less than 72 senators. What happens to the left over money?
 - a) A: We used to have surplus. No surplus this year. Operations budget. It will pay over the summer for executive officers. It won't increase budget.
4. Capital project under study center. The leftover goes to S&A.
5. Discussion o the \$30000 we have for RSO's.
 - a) We have a lot of RSO's.
 - b) Everybody needs money.
 - c) Need to discuss a new way of how funds are given.
6. Affiliate Budget Clarification - What is the current ask?
 - a) Average of asking is \$750. Usually RSO's ask for \$1500
 - b) If we were to give everyone that they wanted, we would have to double the budget (usually 2.5 times more)
 - c) Application process: semester review form (attach where budget was spent), GPSA budget committee looks at it. The better the applications are (in terms of thoroughness and completion), the better the chances.
7. If RSOs meet requirements, they should be awarded some amount of money, but the total they asked for isn't guaranteed.

VII. Adjournment

Appendix:

GPSA Executive Board Reports



December 18, 2017 - January 18, 2018

President's Report — Shane R. Reynolds

- 11/17-18
 - Attended Student Government Council at WSU Tri Cities
 - Voted on Resolution in support of Butch being more present on non-Pullman Campuses.
 - Presentation from Joan King on WSU budget over the last decade.
 - Discussed legislative proposals.
 - Long discussion regarding transition and voting of SGC chair and vice chair.
- 11/27
 - Driver Safety Committee Phone Meeting - Discuss travel messaging in regards to upcoming holiday travel.
 - President's Employee Excellence Awards Committee
 - Received the nomination for the award, assigned to deliberate for next meeting.
- 11/28
 - Spoke at the Safety Fair and Awards Ceremony.
 - Met with President Schulz
 - Revealed that he would fill in remaining cuts to student stipends in VCEA.
 - Referred the Athletics Sexual Assault Policy to Athletics Council to deliberate.
- 12/1
 - Monthly meeting with VP Mary Jo Gonzales
 - Discussed sexual assault, mental health on campus, the diversity and inclusivity committees, AVP searches and funding.
 - First meeting for the Survey Working Group between grad school and GPSA chaired by Assistant Dean Jenny Lebeau.
 - Discussion was how we can work together to gather survey information to inform both groups in regards to their missions.
- 12/4
 - Met with Dean Rezac
 - Discussed fix to grad student stipends (discussed further on statement released on Facebook).
 - Met with VP Asif Chaudhry
 - Gave us a lot of information regarding the INTO program and how WSU is behind in international student enrollment.
 - Addressed some of the concerns we expressed about the INTO program.
 - He also said that if international students are having issues, especially with their advisors, they can email or call him directly.
- 12/7
 - PDI Executive Meeting
 - Discussed the PDI Matrix regarding
 - President's Employee Excellence Awards
 - Deliberated and voted on awardees.
- 12/12
 - Attended "Student Leadership Reception" at ESFCC.
 - Gathering of GPSA, ASWSU, and WSU Admin to be able to discuss topics and socialize in an informal setting.



- 12/13
 - Discussed University Accreditation with Assistant Dean Lebeau, and the roll GPSA may play in that process.
 - Athletics Council Meeting
 - Toured the athletics department's facilities, particularly the training and rehab facilities.
- 1/3/18
 - Attended International Programs' orientation for incoming graduate students. Informed them about GPSA and our programs.
- 1/9
 - Final meeting of the President's Employee Excellence Awards Committee to confirm awardees.
- 1/11
 - Faculty Senate
 - Agenda can be found on their website.
- 1/16
 - Worked on GPSA budget in preparation for S&A proposals next month.
- 1/17
 - Amir and I were guests on The Crimson Report and answered questions about GPSA.
 - Follow up interview by The Daily Evergreen regarding the stipend cuts.
- 1/18
 - First executive board meeting of the year.
 - Gave directors assignments to review our policies regarding Travel Grants, RSO funding, ect. To look for continued improvements.
 - Met with President Schulz
 - Said he will continue to help fund PDI for next year.
 - Also discussed future legislation like HEA, and DACA.
 - Discussed Mental Health on Campus.
 - Discussed Professional students not being able to be covered by grad insurance.

Vice President's Report — Amir Gilmore

- 12/20
 - Worked with Coordinator Alex Roberts to have him input the GPSA scholarships into the financial system
 - Started to send out invitations to guest presenters for the Spring 2018 semester
- 1/3
 - Returned to the GPSA office
 - Attended International Programs' orientation for incoming graduate students. Informed them about GPSA and our programs.
 - Reminded senators of senate meeting
- 1/5
 - Sent out Senate Agenda
- 1/8
 - Attended and facilitated the Senate Meeting
- 1/9
 - Accepted the Co-Leader role of the WSU Cultural Competency Working Group
 - Details about it will be emerging soon
- 1/11
 - Attended the ESFCC Advisory Council Meeting
 - Discussed the council structure for next year
 - Attended the Student Media Board meeting



- Discussed the funding options for the Daily Evergreen
- I promised to stay in contact with DE for the updates
- 1/16
 - Worked on GPSA budget in preparation for S&A proposals next month.
 - Sent out Senate meeting minutes for 1/8 meeting
- 1/17
 - Shane and I were guests on The Crimson Report and answered questions about GPSA. Discussed:
 - Work-School-Life Balance
 - The importance of Student Involvement
 - The role that grad-prof students play in the university
 - Follow up interview by The Daily Evergreen regarding the stipend cuts.
- 1/18
 - Worked with the Director of Strategic Planning to update and send out the Judge form for the Research Expo
 - Started working on the Senate agenda for the 1/22 meeting
 - Attended the Meet & Greet with Shaun King

VPLA's Report — Josh Munroe

- 11/17/17
 - Attended SGC meeting in Tri-Cities
 - Presented graduate-professional legislative priorities for Cougar Day at the Capitol at SGC
- 11/19/17
 - NAGPS Legislative call
- 11/21/17
 - Planning phone call with Chris Mulick's office
- 11/22/17
 - NAGPS Legislative call (special) to discuss actions on proposed tax reform legislation with NAGPS member universities across the country
- 11/26/17
 - Cougar Day at the Capitol application closed, team selected
- 11/27/17
 - Legislative liaison orientation with the WSA, called in since GPSA does not send in-person representatives to Olympia.
- 11/28/17
 - Monthly meeting with President Schulz
- 12/1/17
 - DoLA virtual meeting with ASWSU for Cougar Day planning
- 12/4/17
 - Meeting with Dean Rezac in VCEA to discuss future plans for student stipends
 - Introductory meeting with International Programs VP Asif Chaundry
 - 2nd Legislative liaison orientation meeting with the WSA
- 12/5/17
 - Legislative Affairs Committee #5 to discuss travel and legislative logistics for Cougar Day & prep for next semester
- 12/6/17
 - Phone meeting with the WSA and Title IX coordinators to discuss the drafting of a student conduct model to be advocated for in Olympia
- 12/7/17
 - PDI Executive Board meeting
- 12/9/17
 - WSA Board of Directors call - 2018 plans discussed



- 12/12/17
 - Meeting with members of the Women in STEM event planning committee to discuss a video vignette project
- 12/13/17
 - Transition document meeting with the GPSA executive board
- 12/18/17 - 01/07/18
 - Winter break - planning for Cougar Day
- 01/12/18
 - Cougar Day training with attendees
 - Cougar Day materials prepared, final legislative offices contacted for Cougar Day
- 01/16/18
 - WSA legislative liaison check-in phone meeting
- 01/17/18
 - Daily Evergreen interview about student stipends and Cougar Day
 - Cougar Day packet materials finalized

Director of Professional Development - Jenn Johnson

- 11/27/17
 - Sent email to PD committee about upcoming events
 - Analyzed data and completed semester report to give at Senate meeting
- 11/28/17
 - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: PPS - introductions
- 11/29/17
 - Sent PD committee emails about upcoming events
 - Met with Josh and brainstormed next steps for completing tasks for the Spring Women in STEM event
- 11/30/17
 - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: Writing lock-in
 - Sent PD committee emails about upcoming events
 - Ordered new swag for PDI for Spring 2018 semester
 - Updated budget for recent PDI purchases
 - Drafted final tasks/email for PD committee for wrapping up Fall 2017 semester and planning for 2018 spring semester
 - Attended Executive Board meeting and gave semester summary
- 12/1/17
 - Followed-up on paperwork with Kandi and Alex
- 12/2/17
 - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: CSS - Networking & referrals
- 12/3/17
 - Attended PDI budget meeting with GPSA coordinator, Alex
- 12/4/17
 - Attended Women in STEM meeting to plan for upcoming events
- 12/5/17
 - Sent emails to committee about upcoming events
- 12/7/17
 - Attended Executive board meeting
 - Attended PDI executive meeting
- 1/5/18
 - Scheduled meetings for Spring 2018 semester
- 1/9/18



- Created event links in Cougsync and Panopto for Spring 2018 events
- 1/10/18
 - Met with Davi to prep for Spring semester events
 - Budget
 - Speakers
 - Paperwork
 - Todo list
 - Leads at events
 - Committee tasks
 - Sent emails to committee members about upcoming tasks and events
- 1/11/18
 - Updated PD budget with current expenses
- 1/12/18
 - Completed IRI forms for all events where we are hiring a photographer
- 1/16/18
 - Send emails to committee about upcoming events
 - Led PD committee meeting to plan for upcoming semester and debrief previous semester
- 1/17/18
 - Set-up, led, and cleaned-up PDI event: IRB Workshop/Panel
- 1/18/18
 - Attended GPSA Executive board meeting
 - Attended PDI Executive board meeting
 - Added current expenses to budget and projected upcoming expenses
 - Sent emails to students and committee

Director of Strategic Planning & Scholarship – Jing Sun

- 11/17
 - Edited the GPSA research expo abstract submission guidelines
 - Prepared the information for websites updates
- 11/29
 - Committee meeting
- 12/6
 - Edit strategic plan with committee members
- 12/7
 - Met with WSU foundation
- 12/11
 - Attended President Schulz Holiday Open house
- 12/12
 - Attended Student leadership event
- 1/4/2018
 - Attended International student orientation social hour
- 1/17
 - Committee meeting

Director of Communications Report – Candace Chappelle

- 11/16
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/21
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/22



- posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/27
 - Attended Senate Meeting #7
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 11/30
 - Attended Executive board meeting
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/01
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/05
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/07
 - Attended Executive board meeting
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/08
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/11
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/15
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 12/20
 - Created Revisions for Committee duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 12/31
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/01
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/04
 - Worked with Steve Nakata regarding the 01/08 MM
- 01/05
 - Worked with Steve Nakata regarding the 01/08 MM
- 01/06
 - Updated budget to reflect all past events and purchases
 - Worked with Steve Nakata regarding the 01/08 MM
 - Created Revisions for Committee duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 01/07
 - Revised Committee Duties, responsibilities, and format
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/08
 - Attended Senate Meeting #8
 - Revised Committee Duties, responsibilities, and format
 - Emailed committee regarding new committee format
- 01/09
 - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
- 01/10
 - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/12
 - Revised Committee Duties, responsibilities, and format of committee
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter



- 01/15
 - Revised Committee Duties, Responsibilities, and format
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/16
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/17
 - generated content to post on Facebook and Twitter
- 01/18
 - Attended Executive board meeting
 - posted media content on Facebook and Twitter

Director of Grants Report – Motahare Athariboroujny

No Report. Please see Director.

Director of University Affairs Report – David Silva

- 12/22
 - Update Transition Documents to reflect changes in position and updates from FA17 semester. Refined division of surveys and set agenda for SP18
- 01/8
 - Prep senate report, deliver senate report
- 01/9
 - Review list of university committee members, update contact information, schedule reminders for SP18. Minor adjustments made to Committee Report Forms. Some cleaning of the folder.
- 01/10-01/12
 - Murrow College Dean Search meeting in Spokane (all day 11th and 12th). Announcement of decision expected soon.
- 01/13
 - Begin building GPSA Census Survey in Qualtrics. Started researching GPSA account for Qualtrics to aid in transition of surveys and data into next year. Proposed restructuring of survey funds previously used to pay SESRC. Currently under proposal.
- 01/17
 - Assigned new member to AAC
- 01/18
 - GPSA Executive Meeting
 - Contacted Marvin Marcelo regarding TEDx videography
 - First University Affairs Committee planning discussion for SP18. Set assignments and deadlines for next two upcoming projects. Attempting to find meeting times.

Director of Community Affairs – Tiffany Alvarez

- 12/18 - Generated payment vouchers for Sanctuary Yoga & Main St. Squeeze
- December - Analyzed Yoga Wellness Week attendance data
- December - Continued conversation regarding Yoga Sanctuary graduate student membership subsidy
- December - Met with Committee, set TEDx progress goals for winter break, and set agenda for Spring 2018 semester
- December - Revised previous Director's Transition Document
- December - Began budget reconciliation
- January - Generated new Community Affairs Transition Document
- January 6th - Submitted TEDx application



- January - Attended Pullman City Council Meeting
- January 8th - Attended GPSA senate meeting and delivered Director Report
- January 12th - Attended Commission on Status of Women meeting (half day)
- January 17th - Attended WSU - Pullman Community Relations meeting
- January 16th - Selected Shaun King meet and greet GPSA representatives, posted media content on FB
- January 18th - Attended GPSA executive meeting
- January 18th - Solicited professional help regarding TEDx videography
- January 18th - Attended MLK Dinner
- January 18th - Attended 31st annual MLK celebration Program

Director of Internal Affairs Report – Sanaz Jarolmasjed

No Report. Please see Director.

Director of Programming Report – Brittany Wood

No Report. Please see Director.