



- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #12 Minutes
 - Approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #13 Agenda
 - Approved as distributed

- Announcements & Events
 - **PDI Events (reminder: events will be held via Zoom)**
 - Stress Relief and Mindfulness Workshop via Zoom
 - [April 15, 2020, from 2:00–3:00 p.m.](#)
 - [April 23, 2020, from 1:30–2:30 p.m.](#)
 - [April 28, 2020, from 5:10–6:00 p.m.](#)
 - Each meeting will have slightly different techniques and meditations so you can join multiple sessions to learn a variety of useful strategies.
 - Previous recordings on [PDI website](#). They are also being posted to GPSA social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).
 - **GPSA Programming Committee Events**
 - [Social Distancing Photo Scavenger Hunt](#)
 - First 10 people to complete scavenger hunt and submit photos via CougSync can win a \$10 gift card to Ferdinand's Ice Cream Shoppe.
 - Look out for more remote activities from Programming!
 - Resources for mental health assistance:
 - <https://cougarhealth.wsu.edu/2020/04/02/mental-health-covid-19-pandemic/>
 - Links to resources for stress management
 - **GPSA University Committee**
 - https://from.wsu.edu/CUB/2020/Student-Affairs/covid19_facts/check_in/165444-browser.html#link
 - **GPSA Community Affairs**
 - Emergency funds and options (Please share within departments):
 - <https://www.studentaffairs.wsu.edu/initiatives/cougs-feeding-cougs/>
 - Has a link to determine eligibility
 - <https://provost.wsu.edu/ccg/>



- **GPSA Communications Committee**
 - Make sure to check out the new Monday Minute format! The last one can be found at:
<https://from.wsu.edu/CUB/2020/GPSA/91/165424-browser.html>
 - Be sure to follow GPSA on IG, FB, and Twitter!
 - Grad students on Assistantships – Use your \$200 vision benefit for glasses, prescription sunglasses, or contacts with WSU Health & Wellness Services! This service is still available. You just need to make an appt. in advance.
- **GPSA Budget Committee**
 - RSO Funding Applications are available! Deadline: April 17th, 11:45 p.m.
 - We are relaxing the requirement to provide evidence of funds spent the previous semester due to the current pandemic. Please apply!
 - Providing food question: this is okay and will not flag the application
 - Must be a member of our GPSA CougSync page
 - <https://wsu.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/275822>
- **Open Floor**
 - **GPSA Zoom Office Hours (offered daily)**
 - <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/339526856>
 - Meeting ID: 339 526 856
 - +1 669 900 9128
 - Information can be found on the GPSA homepage.
 - Volunteers needed for food pantry in Pullman
 - Volunteers need to be healthy and not high risk
 - Dissertation grant deadline extended to May 1st
 - Need to have passed prelims
 - More information at: <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/programs/dissertation-grants/>
 - Cougar health services are still being offered through zoom
 - Question regarding student fees: committee formed to review fees/services
 - Email by April 30th for potential refunds
 - Review bylaws for voting in the next meeting
 - Amendment to Bylaws
 - Article I: The Senate
 - Section 3: Senate Voting
To be amended as follows:
E.) If the Chair of Senate declares a State of Emergency, Senate may vote on items outside of regularly scheduled Senate meetings, still subject to



other Senate rules, and the Chair may call for votes digitally in a manner that best suits the emergency at hand as determined by the Chair.

- Hiring freeze
 - <https://hrs.wsu.edu/covid-19-hiring-freeze/>
 - Graduate students should not be impacted; contact Dr. Gloss otherwise
- **Old Business**
 - Grocery Subsidy Discussion
 - Partnering with ASWSU
 - GPSA would be matching funds: \$5000
 - Any Pullman fee paying student (including R&E)
 - There is a separate part to indicate R&E or students outside of Pullman
 - Submit application with receipts + cougar card ID → after review the reimbursement will go to the student account
 - 50% reimbursement per week with a max of \$25 reimbursed per week
 - This is reimbursed on a weekly basis after review
 - Please follow CDC guidelines and limit trips outside the home
 - Do grad students get the subsidy if they are on a stipend: yes
 - If your funding has not been suspended or cut, please try to save this for those in need
 - Probably until the end of the semester, working on bolstering funds to continue throughout the crisis
 - Revisiting because there was no motion prior to the vote; google doc is fine for voting and will be interpreted on a roll-call basis.
 - Motion made to approve the \$5000 grocery subsidy, and seconded.
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Can GPSA money go into a pool that benefits non-graduate students?**
 - Cohesive work shows support for all Pullman students, graduate students on the review committee helps ensure graduate students are getting reimbursed, have already had graduate students apply (currently funded through ASWSU until GPSA funds are released)
 - **How are we going to manage the budget?**
 - All through Student Involvement (applications are reviewed separately)
 - **Where is the money from?**
 - Pooled in a joint Student Involvement account



- GPSA \$5000 is from carry-over funds that GPSA can no longer use due to the pandemic
- (otherwise the funds would be returned at the end of the year as unused funds)

- **New Business**

- **Vote** – \$5000 for Grocery Subsidy
 - Motion passes
- **Vote** – Earmark \$5000 for emergency funds
 - (Proposal by VPLA Matthew Sutherland)
 - **Motion made**
 - **Seconded**
 - Issues from waiting 2 weeks between senate meetings for voting
 - Not conducive to emergency situations
 - Discussion:
 - One time (ending June 30th); will not carry over to the next fiscal year.
 - Voting for emergency funds would be performed by the College Representatives
 - Less of a necessity if bylaws are updated to allow voting outside of senate meetings
 - Why is this needed now if we are updating the bylaws?
 - To avoid calling everyone together
 - **Amendment:** 3/4 vote of a quorum (¾ of members present) of executive board would be required to pass
 - **Seconded**
 - **Amendment passed**
 - **Amendment:** Funding through the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2021
 - **Seconded**
 - Is it okay to commit future senates to allocating the funds to emergency funds?
 - Currently we recommend funding and it can be removed with ¾ majority by the future senate
 - **Amendment passed**
 - **Amendment:** In FY 2020-2021, the 3/4 exec board vote only carries if Senate is not in session
 - Arose from concern the executive board cannot bypass senate during the year when we are in session



- Concern how the summer and end of spring semester will be handled - start exception during FY 2020-2021
 - Now is a time that requires faster responses
- **Seconded**
- **Amendment passed**
- Concern for restricting funds
 - Can be recalled by the 2020-2021
- **Motion Passed:** Earmark \$5000 for emergency funds

- **Motion to allow voting via Google Sheets**
 - **Seconded**
 - **Motion passed**
- **Motion and second to extend Senate meeting by 15 minutes.**
- **Additional motion and second to extend meeting to 7:25.**
- **Additional motion and second to extend by 10 min to 7:35.**
- **Additional motion and second to extend by 10 min to 7:45.**

- Discussion about Safety Lighting initiative
 - \$10,000 of funds that would be returned to Student Involvement
 - (Proposal by VPLA Matthew Sutherland)
 - Question regarding resources for hearing and visually impaired
 - For crosswalks that are not at traffic lights
 - **Motion**
 - **Seconded**
 - **Amendment to change amount to \$20,000**
 - **Seconded**
 - There is so much that we are giving back, we should use it
 - This is a time of need, funding should be held for emergencies
 - If \$20,000 the initiative should include the RECs
 - Caution not to look at how much is left for validity of project
 - Agree with \$10,000 now, not \$20,000
 - Look at increasing this later
 - **Amendment did not pass**
 - Any further discussion?
 - Motion to move to previous discussion:
 - Seconded
 - No one objects to making the vote
 - **Motion passed:** \$10,000 Safety Lighting initiative



- Amount of funds projected to be returned to Student Involvement due to COVID-19: ~\$90,000
 - Now ~\$70,000 after removing grocery subsidy, emergency funds, and safety lighting
 - Request to have a report on how many grad students request for/were awarded the grocery subsidy before the next senate meeting to determine if we need to increase the subsidy amount.
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- 7:38 | **Adjournment**