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[This is the updated list](#) of future guest speakers.

Here's the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #9 Minutes
    - Approved 5:32
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #11 Agenda
    - Approved 5:32
  
- 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
  - Anna Peasley, Assessment Coordinator and Business Operations Manager
    - NSSE 2019 Data Collection Efforts
    - For TAs: [In-Class Promotion Materials Available here](#), please distribute
      - If you can distribute it to your students or place fliers in the commons area it would be a great way to collect data on all aspects of their campus experience.
      - This is a purely voluntary survey that students often think is spam.
  
  - Mental Health Speaker Series
    - The Science of Happiness: Skills for Well-Being by Lewis-Muth
    - Please RSVP to signup.
  
  - PDI Events
    - Submitting Your Thesis and Dissertation by Daniel Vickoren, Programs and Graduations Supervisor, and WSU librarians Debra Spidal and Talea Anderson
      - Feb. 27, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
    - Human Subject Research and Institutional Review Board Workshop by WSU IRB Office
      - March 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
  
  - GPSA Excellence Awards
    - Apply on CougSync
    - Applications close March 15
  
  - Elections, Elections, Elections!
    - Applications close March 1



- Debates in Senate March 4
- More applicants needed for all positions!
  
- 5:35 - 5:45 | Guest Speaker #1
  - Matthew Jeffries, Director for the Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center
    - Working to increase gender inclusiveness on campus.
      - Changing bathroom signs, required to have gender inclusive bathrooms in all new buildings in Washington State.
      - Menstrual Products: piloting a program to not only provide products in womens bathrooms but also mens.
      - Lactation Spaces on campus and in the community.
      - Creating better personal spaces on campus.
      - Pre-exposure prophylaxis: Medication prescribed for those that are at high risk for HIV.
      - Post exposure prophylaxis is also being worked on.
      - Birth Certificate Changes: gain a norotized form and the state of Washington will change your gender.
  
- 5:48 - 5:50 | Dialogue with Matthew Jeffries
  - 1) Evaluation for Parent Friendliness:
    - Will be worked on.
    - Contact Matthew if interested in committees.
    - [matthew.jeffries@wsu.edu](mailto:matthew.jeffries@wsu.edu) | 509-335-8841
  
- 5:50 - 5:55 | Guest Speaker #2
  - Allison Fisher, GPSA Senator | WSU Town and Gown Programs
    - Works in the president's office, improving downtown Pullman.
      - Aids to preserve the vitality of downtown Pullman to aid in retaining more families and increasing the culture.
        - Winters Farmers Market: Allows for better access throughout the year.
        - New restaurants have opened downtown Pullman and many more are in the works.
        - Development of a Makerspace downtown.
  
- 5:55 - 5:55 | Town and Gown Q&A
  - 1) Committees available and other ways to get involved.



- More involvement on through event on March 29th, more information to come.
  
- 5:55 - 6:23 | Transportation Services and TAG
  - Recommendation from the Transit Advisory Group Presentation
    - Student initiated program.
      - 2003 Student transit fee was enacted due to a decrease in transit grant funding.
      - People in the community pay \$300 a year to use the same program we pay very little for.
      - Green opportunities available in the future.
      - Small increases fees have been available (5%) to maintain the service range that is present.
    - Funding Sources:
      - Activity Fees provided to students provide the greatest amount of funding.
      - Grants have been obtained from the state and federal grants.
      - Utility taxes on landlines have been used in the past, but decreases in landlines have decreased this revenue streams.
      - Stress testing has been used to identify any vulnerabilities.
        - 400K is needed to continue to manage the program is some funding falls through.
        - Within 1-2 years these reserves should be available with concurrent yearly increases.
        - Possibly once this point is reached there will not need to be the 5% increase in concurrent years.
  - Dialogue with Senators
    - Possibility to increase the bus service to Moscow?
      - Unfortunately there is no program in place since the recession and UI removed funding and the program fell through.
      - Possibly with the 2020 census and redefining the town status there will be more funding in the future.
    - What opportunities are available for expanding the bus service/routes?
      - Funding has been allocated to increase the speed at which the service is provided
      - There has been an increase in routes this year.
    - Expanding routes to campus housing in new areas:



- Difficult to add new routes and funding is not available at the moment to increase the route availability.
- Motion to approve the 5% increase in transportation fees:
  - Motion passed.
- 6:23 - 6:20 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
  - Motion to skip intermission - passed
- 6:23 - 6:35 | Open Floor
  - GPSA Budget Committee is currently working to improve how we fund RSOs. How would you increase the connection between GPSA and the RSOs we fund? What RSOs are you involved in and how would you describe the benefits they provide to graduate and professional students? Share ideas with your table. After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu).
  - 1) Great idea to have winners of RSO that get funded, talk to the senate about what they are doing and why it is important.
  - 2) Increasing event promotion and submission of event information and details for the Monday Minute.
  - 3) Possibly incorporating a yearly application, the committee would not need to screen the same applications.
  - 4) Increase collaborations between RSO's. Saving money for the collaborative events.
- Items from the gallery
- 6:35 - 6:40 | Old Business
  - GPSA General Election Applications Open
    - Applications close March 1, 11:59 pm
    - Voting open March 4, 7:30 pm - March 8
    - "So, what do GPSA Directors actually do?" Refresher from current GPSA directors
      - Dir. of Communications
        - Monday Minute, Facebook, Twitter, Minutes.
      - Dir. of Community Affairs
        - New committee to create and organize events to improve the relationship between the graduate school and Pullman.



- Dir. of Grants
  - Money going out for travel grants and awards.
  - Reviewing applications to ensure that they are being awarded in a fair manner.
- Dir. of Internal Affairs
  - Elections, Bylaws and RnE senators, lots of side projects.
  - Senator Housewarming party.
- Dir. of Professional Development
  - Puts on these events through the graduate school. Co-Chaired between GPSA and the graduate school.
- Dir. of Programming
  - Fun event coordinator (Icecream, Bowling).
  - Excellence awards.
  - End of the year “Prom.”
- Dir. of Strategic Planning & Scholarship
  - Planning events and the research expo.
  - Reviewing abstracts and calling for judges.
- Dir. of University Affairs
  - Student wellbeing and campus climate.
  - University Committees, Graduate Census Survey and Community reports.
- VP of Legislative Affairs:
  - Draft the document that provides guidance for the student advocacy group.
  - Aid in helping students to increase their advocacy skills.
  - Going to committee meetings to aid in providing input.
- Legislative Affairs
  - Coug Day Recap
    - 3 Members from R+E sites, 10 others from Pullman
    - What was discussed?
      - Tuition assistance
      - State/student financial burden balance
      - Resource access at R&E sites
        - G and P students that are still paying fees.
      - Climate change
      - ...Daylight Saving Time?
        - Proposal to eliminate daylight savings time.



- Sleep studies show that this is not good for students.
- SB 5774: Student Loan Repayment Plan (StLRR Act)
  - Asking for entities within the state to participate in a new type of student loan program the as partners with students to help pay back their loans.
- Student stories for NAGPS Spring Legislative Action Day
  - Include stories on any stories for senator trip to DC next week
- GPSA 2019-2020 Budget
  - Presentation of budget proposal by GPSA Budget Committee member, Halle Choi
    - No guidance received yet from S&A Committee
    - Current proposal is identical to that approved SP18
      - Budget committee does not have a set amount of funds for what the GPSA will be able to allocate.
      - Deliberation process still ongoing, likely not until middle of April.
    - Questions to be relayed to the Budget Committees:
      - Why are we applying for the funding they gave us last year? (This was based on the proposed budget that has already been cut).
- Stipend Level Discussion Update
  - Meeting was great!
  - Will collect full data from the Census Survey
  - Also need competing program data
    - Stipend generation is not through the department itself, this is done through the school.
    - Important to know what your step level survey.
  - Comments/Discussion:
    - 1) How does stipend level differs between departments and school differ.
    - 2) What are our peer institutions actually offering students.



- Research Expo Updates
  - Data presented by Dir. of Scholarship and Strategic Planning, Hongda Ren
    - Increase in applications from previous years.
    - Attempting to include representatives from each college.
- 7:15 - 7:29 | New Business
  - GPSA Census Survey
    - Rollout, goals, and incentives by Dir. of University Affairs, Carolina Silva
      - GPSA is totally running the show this year, this survey will not take more than 15 mins.
      - Opportunities to add a comment at the end of the survey.
      - Incentives will be provided: Grand Prize: Flat Screen TV, Gift Cards.
      - The grand prize is for Pullman fee paying students only, but all WSU grad/prof students can take it
  - GPSA Programming Spring 2019
    - Yoga + Smoothie @ Sanctuary Yoga Barre & Dance
      - March 23, 3:30 pm
      - Limit to 40 students
      - Register on [CougSync](#)
    - GPSA Happy Hour @ Rico's
      - March 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
      - ½ price food and well drinks
      - Free fries for first 30 students
    - GPSA Soccer Tournament
      - April 6, 10:30 am - 5:00 pm
      - Valley Road Playfields
      - Team captains must [register on CougSync](#)
    - Excellence Awards
      - April 10, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
    - Ferdinand's Ice Cream Social
      - April 18
    - End of the Year Party:
      - Formal April 27th
      - Cub junior ballroom.
  - Senator Seed Grants are being used!
    - Engineering had first event



- CAS and CAHNRS events in the works
- Please contact [yggpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:yggpsa@wsu.edu) early to start process. We need at least two weeks to get forms and paperwork taken care of.
- Please email [gpsa.communications@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.communications@wsu.edu) and share pictures from your events!
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
  - Senate Meeting on March 4, but we'll be in the GPSA office during the afternoon
- 7:30 | Adjournment