



Graduate and Professional Student Association

GPSA Senate Minutes#14
April 26
Via Zoom
5:30 PM

Zoom

[GPSA Senate Absence Request Form](#)

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If you would like to add items to the agenda, please email the Executive Vice President by the Wednesday before Senate meetings. Minor edits to this agenda can also be suggested over email.

Pay close attention to the Guest Speaker. You are expected to engage in conversation and ask pertinent questions. Some prior research is encouraged so that questions and comments are well-informed.

Here's the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #13 Minutes:
❖ **APPROVED**
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #14 Agenda:
❖ **APPROVED**
- 5:31 | Old Business
 - Bill of Rights – Vote:
❖ **APPROVED**
 - **Discussion:** Language has been vetted by multiple stakeholders, so any additions/changes would have to take place in the future. The WSU administration is on board with the language as is (JD). This is the first attempt at a Bill of Rights at WSU.
 - **Privacy:** Reflects a concern expressed in GPSA previously, so this section mandates that WSU will take every precaution to protect privacy due to data breaches, etc.
- 5:45 | Announcements
 - Vaccine Updates – Jenn
 - **Details:** Mandatory vaccines is on the table for discussion. Send your thoughts, either way, and insights to presgpsa@wsu.edu as the administration decides what pathway forward to take.
 - Scholarships – if your addresses have changed, please let us know ASAP.
 - **Details:** Update your U.S. mail address for this if you do not have direct deposit.
 - Travel Grants



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- **Details:** Summer 2021 travel grants and funding for membership of professional associations. Funding cap is \$100 per person. Open May 1 to May 15 (deadline). First come, first serve. Also, funding for summer programs as part of the Professional and Career Development Grant, up to \$500 per application. Email gpsa.grants@wsu.edu for information.
- Graduate Student Concerns
 - **Details:** 1) Grad students from India facing challenges right now can email VP Edgerton (vpgpsa@wsu.edu) or International Programs (ip.intlservices@wsu.edu) for assistance and guidance; 2) Financial aid/IRS concerns for international students as well, concerning taxes. Can IP help as well, perhaps; 3) Scheduling challenges for international students with CAPS, so this needs to be looking into.
- 6:00-6:30 | Elections
 - President and VP nominations and candidate statements
 - Marwa Aly, candidate for President:
 - ❖ **NOT PASSED** (35 votes, 47 required)
 - Marco Cerqueira, candidate for VP
 - Motion to remove his nomination for VP.
 - ❖ **APPROVED**
 - Vote for this candidate as President:
 - ❖ **PASSED** (56 votes)
 - Motion to withdraw Marwa Aly nomination for President:
 - ❖ **APPROVED**
 - Vote for Marwa Aly as VP:
 - ❖ **PASSED** (51 votes)
 - *Motion to extend meeting an hour was proposed, seconded, and passed.*
 - Nominations of College Representatives-at-large and Senators-at-large:
 - Vote for Ajay Barman, College Rep-at-Large for Graduate School
 - ❖ **PASSED** (57 votes)
 - Vote for Arian Karimitar, College Rep-at-Large for College of Communications
 - ❖ **PASSED** (58 votes)
 - Vote for senators-at-large
 - ❖ **PASSED** (57 votes)
- ~~6:30-6:35~~ | Break
- 6:35 - 7:10 | New Business
 - Academic year 2021-2022 and Fall 2021 RSO Group Statements for



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Group tentatively approved for \$1000 or more.

- College of Veterinary Graduate Student Association: Chloe Erikson, asking \$2,275 for speakers and events in 2021-22.
- Prevention Science Graduate Student Organization: Erica Doering & Autumn Decker, asking \$1,200 for Fall 2021 events.
- Biology Graduate Student Association: Kournie Whitfield asking \$2,500 for 9 events throughout 2021-22.
- Diversity in Psychology Committee: Erinn Savage asking \$2,500 for events and speakers in 2021-22.
- Association for Bangladesh Students & Scholars: Shazzad Hossein asking \$2,500 events in 2021-22.
- Crop and Soil Sciences GSA: Rachel Breslauer asking \$1,375 for events in 2021-22.
- All above RSO Funding – Vote

❖ **APPROVED**

- Sponsorship Request: WSU Office for Access & Opportunity (\$1,000)
- The Pantry is located in the Lighty Student Services building and provides curbside pickup to meet basic needs. Funds from the GPSA Grant will be used to ensure each pantry bag contains a variety of protein, grains, vegetables, fruit, and snacks.
- Vote

❖ **APPROVED**

- 7:10-7:15 | Closing remarks/questions
 - ❖ Vice President Edgerton thanks everyone for their active engagement during the 2020-2021 year, and President Johnson also thanks everyone for their participation and efforts. What a year! 😊
- 7:15 | Adjournment



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GPSA Executive Board Reports

GPSA Executive Board Reports April 10th - April 23rd, 2021

The lists below are not meant to be comprehensive. If you need clarification or have any questions, please contact the corresponding individual.

President's Report – Jenn Johnson

- Tasks Completed
 - Created end-of-year Community Affairs and Internal Affairs Committee Reports
 - Wrote and taped Commencement speech
 - Planned “NO CLASS” event
 - Edited links for Graduate Bill of Rights
 - Created agendas for executive board meetings
 - Planned Special Nomination Committee meeting and compiled materials
 - Helped compile Open Application Report
 - Created Board of Regents end-of-year report
- Meetings Attended
 - Attended GPSA Senate meeting
 - Attended GPSA “NO CLASS DAY” event
 - Attended Cougs Give meetings
 - Met with Transit Services to discuss fee
 - Led GPSA Executive Board meetings
 - Met with GPSA VP and VPLA to discuss GPSA concerns and issues
 - Led Community Affairs Committee meeting
 - Attended A & S Committee meeting
 - Attended NWCCU Mid-Cycle University Review
 - Met with Special Nomination Committee
 - Attended Pullman 2040 feedback session
 - Met with WSU AVPS to discuss graduate and professional student issues
 - Attended Cougs Cancel COVID meeting
 - Met with IAC to review President and VP applications
 - Attended SGC board meetings

Vice President's Report – Samantha Edgerton

- Tasks Completed
 - Created agenda for Senate Meeting #14
 - Sent out Minutes for Senate Meeting #13
 - Facilitated Senate Meeting #13
 - Reviewed and assigned affiliate funding requests.



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- Responded to email questions regarding affiliate funding
- Facilitated two Budget Committee meetings to review RSO affiliate funding applications
- Review affiliate funding applications
- Contacted RSOs to request they attend Senate Meeting #14
- Facilitated Special Nomination Committee meeting
- Meetings Attended
 - Attended GPSA Exec Board meetings
 - Attended GPSA Leadership meetings
 - Met with Special Nomination Committee
 - Met with Office of International Programs
 - Met with CougsGive SA Campaign
 - Attended SHAC meeting
 - Met with SA AVP leadership

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report – James Dalton

- Tasks Completed
 - Finalized Bill of Rights
 - Worked on Transition Materials
 - Created Legislative slides for Senate
 - Created WSA proposal
 - Worked on VPLA Letter
 - Crafted letter to send to Senate Rules Committee to pull HB 1472
 - Crafted letter to send to Senate Rules Committee to pull HB 1028
- Meetings Attended
 - GPSA Exec Board
 - GPSA Pres/VP Check In
 - Check in with GPSA Advisor
 - GPSA Legislative Affairs
 - WSA Board of Directors
 - WSA Exec Team
 - WSA Legislative Liaison Check In
 - Student Affairs AVP Monthly Check In
 - SGC

Chair of Awards and Scholarships – Rabayet Sadnan

- Tasks Completed
 - Completed Excellence Award evaluation
 - Committee Report
 - Year around review
- Meetings Attended
 - GPSA Exec Board meeting
 - GPSA Senate meeting



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- GPSA A&S Committee Meeting

Chair of Communications Report – Adnan Mohamed

- Tasks Completed
 - 4/19/2021 Submitted GPSA Monday Minutes
 - 4/12/21 Took GPSA Senate Minutes
 - 4/15 /2021 Took Executive board meeting minutes.
 - 4/22/2021 Took Executive board meeting minutes.
 - Posted on Social Media
 - Published Travel grants programs on the Website.
- Meetings Attended
 - 4/15/2021 Executive Board meeting
 - 4/22/2021 Executive Board meeting

Chair of Internal Affairs Report – **VACANT**

Chair of Community Affairs – **VACANT**

Chair of Programming Report – Rachel Wong

- Tasks:
 - Receive and prep paint night supplies
 - Prep and mail prizes to U-Fit 4.0 winners
 - Facilitate pick up of paint night supplies
- Meetings:
 - 4/12: GPSA Senate Meeting
 - 4/15: Exec Board
 - 4/15: Student Media Board
 - 4/22: Exec Board
 - 4/23: Paint Night

Chair of Professional Development Report – Anika VanDeen

- Tasks:
 - Complete Survey for PDI
 - Transition documents are nearly complete.
- Meetings:
 - GPSA Exec Board meeting
 - PDI committee meeting
 - PDI Exec Board meeting
 - CSW Women of Distinction awards

Chair of Travel Grants Report – Arian Karimtar

- Tasks:
 - Review and announce awardees of Spring 3
 - Revise questions of applications in Travel Grants
 - Set up criteria for Summer plan
- Meetings:



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- 4/12: GPSA Senate Meeting
- 4/15: Exec Board
- 4/16: Travel Grant Committee meeting
- 4/22: Exec Board

Chair of University and Student Affairs Report – Anastasia Vishnevskaya

For questions for Ana, please email her at gspa.university@wsu.edu