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- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #7 Minutes-Approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #8 Agenda-No comments

- 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
 - PDI Events
 - Tax Help for Graduate and Professional Students with Dr. Richard Toolson
 - Jan. 24, 4:35 - 6:35 pm
 - You're a Teaching Assistant: Congrats! Now What? with Dr. Paul Buckley
 - Jan. 29, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - A good place to send first year graduate students
 - wsu.edu/pdi is where you can find all these events
 - Mental Health Speaker Series
 - Ross Szabo: "Behind Happy Faces"
 - Jan. 23 - 24
 - First at 2:30 in Jr. CUB Ballroom
 - 7:00 is Keynote address
 - Community Standards Board Applications
 - Openings for Conduct, Appeals, or Academic Integrity Hearing boards
 - Complete form at: <https://deanofstudents.wsu.edu/boards>
 - Email Elizabeth Peisner (elizabeth.peisner@wsu.edu) with questions
 - Student Leadership Breakfast
 - January 16, 8:00-9:30 in CUB L60
 - GPSA Research Expo Call for Abstracts
 - Research Expo is March 28, 2019 in Pullman
 - Abstract Submissions open Nov. 26 - Jan. 16
 - 250 words max
 - <https://showcase.wsu.edu/gpsa-research-expo/>
 - Reviewers Needed: Contact gpsa.strategic@wsu.edu

- 5:35 - 5:45 | Guest Speaker
 - Jaime Nolan, Associate Vice President, Community, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence
 - 509-335-3532 | jennifer.nolan@wsu.edu



- Jamie Nolan discussion points: large focus on what we mean by diversity and inclusive excellence. Often it is quite broad, but the real focus is an extensive, comprehensive approach at looking at equity, inclusion, and diversity. Also, to create a better recruitment and retention plan with regards to faculty, staff and students at WSU.
- Unity week: look at proactive issues and response issues. Came up with idea of unity week. Looked at what was already in programming. In general, being mindful of how others feel. Workshops such as building coalitions, what is protected free speech, etc.
- 5:45 - 6:00 | Dialogue with Jaime Nolan
 - Q: Suggestion really: student went to research unity week, but was unable to find resources and information about unity week.
 - A: Thought that they had. There was a letter in the Evergreen, but will amp up the social media and other methods. Also, if anyone is interested in helping with that, then let her know.
 - Q: “Cultural competency” was brought up in my department and there appeared to be some backlash. Could there be some type of course on cultural competency?
 - A: Often times people are afraid of looking at a negative history, and may respond in that way. Also, we want to offer a series of classes for faculty on how to respond to situations like this.
 - Q: Any efforts you have in support of graduate students of color or faculty/postdocs? Also, there are no resources they can help with retention?
 - A: Are “affinity groups” already for faculty and staff (already for black, latino/a, and women. Not sure if graduate students are included. As for funding, there are some resources. It could be better, especially for students. If we don’t have one, then I would love to sit down and advocate for that.
 - Q: I really love the fact that you brought up the systems approach. What are some things that you have learned in other institutions and how would that transfer into what you hope to see here at WSU?
 - A: While at other schools, there was a protest after Cinco de Mayo. The response was to have a presidential task force that I was in charge of. What I learned from that is that it’s important that there be broad representation from students. They are the catalyst for change. As an administrator, it’s important to recognize the role as that catalyst. In general, being able to sit in the discomfort when people are expressing their thoughts.



- Q: I'm curious about if you could talk about your experience with people who have a history of substance use disorders. Also, if you have one goal or one project in the next year, what would that be?
 - A: I have had some experience. I think the fact that I don't have a lot says a lot about the issue. This is a part of who we are. At other campuses I have started a recovery group. Also, had a substance free area for living. I think we also need to do more about how we address mental health. As for the other question. I think that I am so involved with a bunch of other small projects that it's hard to decide. When getting to think about who we can partner with becomes a norm, that's when the change is really taking place.
- 6:00 - 6:10 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
- 6:10 - 6:25 | Open Floor
 - Open Discussion: GPSA has been holding and defending our funds in 17A, and we are finally at a point where we can do something big. If \$50,000 of those funds were put in an endowment, what should it be used for? What would it be named? What system should oversee the proceeds? After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to vpgpsa@wsu.edu.
 - Food/Dinner opportunity
 - Reinvesting that money and getting a better endowment
 - Increase intercollegiate interaction amongst other graduate association programs
 - Continue to advocate and lobby for graduate students
 - Take interest each year and put it into another fund to create another GPSA committee to watch over that endowment
 - Healthcare or other things
 - Take interest and set up a "special circumstances" grant
 - Some travel is not currently funded (field travel)
 - (In response to special circumstance grant) Already have something like that in the veterinary school that has been successful
 - Accomplishment based grants for graduate students
 - Ways to provide summer funding for students who may not have it otherwise
 - Increase senator stipend
 - New website for WSU Historic Preservation Committee on the History of Buildings and Landscapes on the WSU Pullman Campus



- Launched December 18, 2018
- Comprehensive digital history of Pullman and WSU
- 161 buildings that you can access through the website
- WSU Press Release:
<https://news.wsu.edu/2018/12/18/new-website-provide-history-wsu-pullman-campus/>
- URL: <http://cdsc.libraries.wsu.edu/scalar/wsu-buildings-landscapes>
- Will continue to add new information to website in the future.
- Plans to crowdsource images, videos, oral histories, etc. in the future
- Contact andrew.d.brown@wsu.edu if you have any questions
- Items from the gallery
 - Cougs 4 Recovery signs handed out, so if you can put them in an easily accessible place for students to see.
- 6:20 - 6:40 | Old Business
 - Senate Membership Updates
 - Four members resigned at the end of fall
 - 56 current senators
 - Not enough to trigger full special elections
 - Need added effort to fill spots in these programs:
 - History
 - School of Languages, Cultures, and Race
 - School of the Environment
 - Graduate School
 - Anyone available to connect with the people from these schools and send their minutes to.
 - Executive board members, meet after this meeting tonight to discuss a meeting time.
 - Stipend Level Discussion Update
 - Minor edits made to the survey based on feedback
 - Needs to be data driven, so a survey will be sent out in Feb/March
 - President and Dean of Graduate School partnering in data collection
 - Meeting with Dean of Graduate School to review how steps are set and when they will be adjusted
 - Join the working group
 - RSO Affiliate Funding
 - See [full allocation breakdown](#)
 - \$15,000 to award each semester



- \$48,909.86 requested
- 17 organizations with incomplete applications
 - All because the semester review form was not completed.
 - Proposal:
 - No funds at this time
 - Request to invite groups back to ask for funding for specific events
 - Will require contacting vpgpsa@wsu.edu and meeting with Budget Committee
 - Only have about \$2000 to award
 - Groups will be emailed with information
 - Q: How plainly was this semester review? It was honestly not seen, so was it clear enough for people who have not done it before?
 - Q: Same problem happened last year. How has the process not changed? Even for groups that didn't receive funding?
 - A: Wanting to see what you would have used funding for. We are also in the process of changing this process.
 - Q: If it is truly mandatory, can we just make it one form?
 - Q: Is this an anomaly or does this happen every semester?
 - Q: Is this an online process? Would it be possible to make it a mandatory attachment?
 - Q: What had been done in the past year appeared to have some great improvements.
 - Q: We have \$15000 to award, but have awarded \$15355. What does that go to?
 - A: Flex range of funds
 - Q: What is the process for awarding over \$1000?
 - A: rank applications and give them a score and then give them a proportion of that score.
 - Senate vote on allocations above \$1000
 - Motion to approve funding: approved
 - Discussion: speaker on behalf of CVGA
 - Approved
 - Legislative Affairs
 - Coug Day at the Capital
 - Need student stories to share!
- 6:40 - 7:29 | New Business
 - GPSA Elections
 - Application open February 1 and close March 1 at 11:59 pm



- Apply on CougSync
- Positions open: Executive Office, College Representatives, and Senators
- Information Session Dinner to be scheduled (in conjunction with Student Involvement Office's "Get Involved Week 2019")
- Email current members if interested!
- The Start of Budget Conversations
 - Timeline:
 - Soon | Exec Office submits draft to Budget Committee
 - January 25 | Budget Committee submits draft to Exec Board
 - February 4 | Budget Committee finalizes proposal
 - February 11 | Proposal presented to GPSA Senate
 - TBD | Presentation and decision by S&A committee
 - TBD | Final allocations approved by GPSA Senate
 - Will likely be awarded less than \$562,028 awarded last year
 - TLDR: Projects, extra funds, ideas, for budget all need to be sent to vpgpsa@wsu.edu before February 4 for consideration
- Washington Student Association (WSA) Fee Request
 - History:
 - WSA does have a state level coalition that has an advocacy group to do work at the capital
 - WSA charges for membership, GPSA and ASWSU take advantage of enrollment caps to reduce the total dues paid
 - ASWSU says they do not have the budget to continue paying the dues
 - WSA is beneficial and GPSA strongly believes in its benefit for all Washington students
 - Q: How is WSA different than Coug day at the capital? How does this impact when going to D.C?
 - A: The difference between a sprint and a marathon. Coug day at the capital is a one day event, while WSA does a lot more extensive work: i.e. drafting and submitting proposals that end up in the legislative agenda.
 - Q: What our votes would go towards? What is being voted on and why is it important for us to be there?
 - A: I have created a list of goals and topics of discussion that are important for us to consider. Work with WSA makes it so these issues are heard.
 - Q: Is UW is a paying member?



- A: The UW GSS does not pay
- Q: When I hear ASWSU say that they don't want to pay for it anymore, I am hearing that ASWSU doesn't think that it is worth it.
 - A: To be clear, being under the ASWSU means that we don't get a lot of say in what we want to vote on and bolster. There have been a number of issues that are quite different between ASWSU and GPSA. This would give GPSA some independence. Also ASWSU wants GPSA to pay half of the \$15000 cap.
- Q: As paying members of WSA, do you have a say in what they advocate for, or do you just pay and the group does the voting on the schools behalf?
 - A: Mostly is done by the members, but there is a lot of valued input by paying members.
- Q: How many voting members would we have if we branched out on our own?
 - A: Currently, the WSU Pullman bloc has 9 votes. When you are present at the meeting, you can count up to two votes. As of now, we have 2 votes while ASWSU has 7. This may change to about 4 votes overall. We would be able to negotiate for ourselves and not be so reliant on ASWSU.
- Q: Strong support online. Didn't quite understand, is there a permanent lobbyiste who is working on a day to day basis? If there is a fund that we approve to pay, is this something that we have to budget in years forward? What exactly is this fee, how would it be paid now and in the future.
 - A: Yes, there is a permanent person who is there that set up hearings and meetings and big face to face interactions.
 - A: This would be an ongoing fee that would have to be considered.
- Q: Undergrad and graduate students have completely different concerns, so it is important to do this in order to get voting power. Why is ASWSU asking for this all of a sudden?
 - A: Appears to be in turmoil as of right now, so perhaps want to have more money and have requested from us.
- We would like to discuss with ASWSU to have some questions answered. Proposal to table the discussion until ASWSU can make it to the meeting.
- Voting to Table: Approved
 - Request:
 - ASWSU requested GPSA to pay half of the dues (~\$7,500)
 - Any amount is not in the current budget and would have to come from 17A funds
 - Options?



- Fund \$4000 from 17A for this year only
- Work with ASWSU to secure future funding or pay our own way with WSA
- Requires vote from senate

Additional information on WSA fee structure and votes:

Currently, WSU-Pullman has nine votes of which GPSA controls two. WSU-Pullman is capped at \$15,000 in dues because of the size of our campus.

ASWSU requested GPSA to pay for half of the dues, \$7,500. No additional offers or guarantees concerning votes were provided with that request.

For GPSA to join WSA as a separate entity would be ~\$4,000, likely a little less. Dues are calculated at \$1.05 per fee-paying student represented for that year, of which there are about 3,600 GPSA represents.

As a separate entity, GPSA would have 3-4 votes.

For additional questions, email gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu.

- GPSA Excellence Awards
 - For all information:
<https://gpsa.wsu.edu/our-programs/excellence-awards/>
 - Seven categories:
 - Academic Advisor
 - Graduate Staff Assistant
 - Graduate Research Assistant
 - Graduate Teaching Assistant
 - Graduate Student Instructor
 - Registered Student Organization
 - Applications close February 15 (not currently open, so don't apply yet)
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
 - Still here, still meeting people!
- 7:30 | Adjournment