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- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #1 Minutes
    - Approved
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #2 Agenda
    - Approved
  
- 5:31 | Announcements
  - PDI Events
    - Graduate Student Prestigious Fellowship Workshop II: Sept. 12, 2:10pm
    - Paula Chambers with Versatile PhD: Sept. 17, [four events!](#)
  - Programming
    - Ice Cream Social at Ferdinand's: Sept. 20, 12 - 3pm
    - Bowling Night @ Zeppoz: Oct. 12
      - Family friendly
      - Bring valid IDs if you want drinks
  - Legislative Affairs
    - Foley Center Events: Sept. 17 & 19
      - September 17th
        - Foley Center Event: Challenge in the 5th
        - 12 p.m. in Bryan Hall 308
        - Constitution Day
      - September 19th
        - Stuart Elway - Polling and the Midterms
        - 12 p.m. in Bryan Hall 308
    - Student narratives for DC trip
      - Senators were asked to share stories pertaining to student loan debt, opportunities etc... just 2-4 sentences.
      - Josh, David and Carolina will be going to DC on the morning of the 11th to communicate those concerns.
  
- 5:40 | Guest Speaker
  - John Shaheen, Director of Transportation Services and Chris Boyan, Associate Director of Transportation Services: Speaking on the strategic goals and decision making process around university transportation, parking, and facilities



- Responsibilities: Finance, manage and maintain parking facilities, coordinate transit program funding, engage in discussion with regional universities.
- Self Supported Auxiliary of the university allowing for funding.
- Goal: Support for the community allowing for the better customer service, support for special events.
- Advisory Task Force: University parking and transportation task force, transit advisory group (still need a GPSA rep), parking appeals committee, pedestrian mall work group.
- Revenue: 5.1M, Operations/Maintenance: 4.6M (self supporting) Reserves are kept to support new projects, resurfacing parking places, remodeling parking garages etc.
- Strategy:
  - Mitigate the Demands: Convenience with parking availability and walking distance. Cost: monitoring operating costs and parking rates.
    - Students: 2016 over ½ walk to school
    - Employees: 2016 almost ¾ drive alone to school
      - Transportation Options:
        - Active transport (bike/walk).
        - Zip Cars.
        - Vanpool.
        - Commuter Bike.
      - Transit program: Student initiated and student funded (2.2M per year).
        - Funded by the student transit fees, S&A and T.S.
        - Saves lots of parking on campus.
  - Address Supply Needs: Land use availability, Cost of developing a new facility, revenue and general needs based on location.
    - Most of the surplus parking is available on the perimeter of campus (walkable).
    - Parking Lids: Elevated deck over existing parking lots, cost will be lower than creating a job, easier to gain funding and does not overestimate the needs on campus. 4-16M for 7 parking lids to be installed on campus.



- Parking Garage: with 500 spaces, 26M serviced loans = 2.2M per year for 30 years.
- Determine Revenue Needs.
  
- 6:00 | Dialogue with Transportation Services
  - Senator: Difference between cost of parking lids and parking garage.
    - A parking garage in the center of campus would result in up to a 70% increase in parking permit costs.
  - Senator: Cougar bike program, how does it work?
    - All GPS driven, software is on bikes. Set up an account through the app and go to the bike after getting a code.
    - Need to take the bike back to a rack (not necessarily the same one)
  - Senator: walkability discussion - does it include ice during winter?
    - Contact facilities first and then transportation services if you need answers.
  - Senator: What goes into the decision to adjust bus routes (timing & locations).
    - Pullman transit is responsible for adjusting the transit schedule and works with the feedback that is given.
  - Senator: What revenue is generated during the football games and where is the parking money going?
    - 9% of all revenue is generated through special event parking.
  - Senator: Have you considered different rates for students versus faculty and staff?
    - The pricing is based on location and demand.
    - The zones are based on walkability to the location that you want to access.
  - Senator: Can we make the transit fee an optional fee for graduate students that are not interested in accessing the transportation resources.
    - May be an option, but will increase pricing.
  - Senator: No bus route is available at his office building after 4pm.
    - Planning is based on student requests.
  - Senator: No parking available when he comes in to work.
    - Maps of usage are available, may help with planning for parking.
  - Senator: Why are the prices different across the parking options across the state.
    - Different campuses have different expenses, more land, higher growth rates and other factors that allow for a fluctuation in pricing.



- Some campuses are not as strategic as WSU is regarding good value for the permits.
- Senator: Parking colors have changed, moving the pricing of the parking passes with new lots?
  - Upgrades are being made and students need to voice their opinions regarding transportation on campus.
- 6:21 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
- 6:30 - 6:40 | Open Floor
  - Update from last Open Floor
    - In the future these will be more unstructured.
    - For the most part emails for GPSA have been sent, please cc David Silva on the next set of emails once again.
  - Senator Seed Grants: In small groups, with those sitting at your table, discuss this question. If you had \$1,000 to do anything you would like for the students in your college, what would you do and why? What would your plan accomplish, who would it benefit, how would it strengthen the connection GPSA has to the college? After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu). Application for the Seed grant, will become available next meeting.
    - Ideas:
      - Buy Twitter data.
      - 2 out of state scholarships for veterinary students.
      - Presentations of graduate work in public places.
      - Second Monitors for new computer lab.
      - Scholarships for ideas on how to improve the GPSA
      - Cute mural on the side of math building.
      - Interdepartmental mixers and collaboration.
- 6:40 - 7:30 | New Business
  - Internal Affairs Committee:
    - Working to demystify the roberts rules of orders and paper quick reference guides to make for a more seamless meeting flow.
    - Comment Box has been supplies for senators to provide feedback about Robert's Rules, and which parts of the bylaws need to be explained in more detail.



- Next meeting there will be an informative presentation on the Roberts Rules, and will help provide feedback to the constituents.
- Senate Snacks
  - Purchased from Safeway, ~\$100 per meeting, and senators are encouraged to bring in their own food.
  - Feedback would be appreciated:
    - Proposal to revisit the budget to allocate snacks more adequate between senators here and those in the R&E center
    - WinCo has great options for food platters.
    - Offering gluten free options, green tea, black tea.
- Committee Assignments
  - Everyone should have been assigned, and most have met.
  - Be flexible with meeting dates and times.
  - Be responsible with responding to emails.
  - Scholarships will be posted to your accounts by December and then the second installment will be April.
  - See [the updated assignments](#)
- Senate Speaker List
  - We have a lot of great options, but are looking for a few more speakers to present.
    - Police department
    - Aquatics Department
    - More speaker time with questions (why does the Women's Basketball coach want to meet?)
    - Mayor and someone from city council.
    - Women's resources in the community.
    - Judges/DA
    - Matthew from the gender identity center.
    - Student food bank on campus.
    - Community garden program.
    - Cougs being cougs.
  - See [the updated list](#)
- Legislative Affairs
  - GPSA Legislative Agenda: Presentation
    - See [the agenda](#)
      - Provides a guiding document for the advocacy group for WSU and beyond.



**State Advocacy:**

- The GPSA urges WSU to continue to make quality, affordable healthcare for graduate students.
- Support for full funding of libraries.
- Minimum stipend for living in Whitman county (Based on cost of living adjustments for this area) this also pertains to the students on the extension campuses.
- Tuition freeze for graduate students.
- Funding for mental health resources, and increasing the awareness of these resources in the community.
- Resist any actions on campus that impact the safety of graduate students both on campus and in the community.

**Federal Advocacy:**

- Reinstigate the Higher education act of 1965.
  - Reinstate Stafford Unsubsidized student loans (we want to match the cost with undergraduate students).
  - Maintain or improve the standard of the Lifetime learning credit
  - Federal funding for research.
  - Against taxing tuition waivers.
  - All international visas be multiple entry and be comparable to the length of study that the individual is pursuing.
  - Open public access for research that has been funded by public dollars, through both journals and published papers.
    - Motion made to adopt the legislative agenda as presented and seconded: 7:15.
    - Motion passes (all Yes)
- **NAGPS National Conference: Nov. 1 - 4 in Arkansas**
- Great opportunity to network with other graduate students across the country.
  - There is a focus on leadership development and academic achievement.
  - Application will be active tomorrow (Sept 11th) and close on September 23rd.
  - We will likely have multiple representatives from WSU (please apply if you are interested).
    - Senator: What does the application entail:



- Name, ID #, Skills that you are bringing to the event, research area ect...
- Want to make sure that the people who are applying are invested in their campus community.
- Evening Child Care Update
  - Evening child care has started through the children's center.
  - Senators need to reach out to the constituents who utilize the evening child care to get opinions.
- TEDx WSU: Growing Sustainable Solutions
  - End of March, theme is set in stone! Let the people know that this is coming and it's going to be awesome!
  - Ask the constituents for ideas regarding who they would like to hear from.
- GPSA Budget: Preparing for voting
  - Next senate there will be the vote for the 18-19 budget, do some research and make sure you address the specific concerns regarding line items with David. (David will be available 9/17 from 1-3).
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
- 7:30 | Adjournment