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[Virtual Attendance Sheet HERE](#)

- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #5 Minutes
    - Approved as written
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #6 Agenda
    - Approved as written
- 5:31 | Announcements & Events
  - Shirts are here, however: women's shirts are tiny, if they do not fit, then you can talk to Venice, who can get it exchanged.
  - **PDI Events**
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      - [Alumni Panel Discussion: A view of Work in Industry \(Session II\)](#)
        - Nov. 7th 2019, 12–2:30PM
      - [Stress and Mindfulness Workshop](#)
        - Dec. 4th, 2019, 5–6PM
      - [Writing Lock-in II: GWC consultants will be available](#)
        - Dec. 5th, 9AM–1PM
  - **Programming Events**
    - Volleyball Tournament recap
      - Please forward any constructive feedback or suggestions to [gpsa.programming@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.programming@wsu.edu).
    - [2nd Annual FRIENDSGIVING at Etsi Bravo](#)
      - Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
      - Free Food catered by BLACK CYPRESS
      - Drink specials (not free), bring your ID/International Passport and Cougar Card
      - First come! first serve!
  - **Scholarships**
    - [GPSA Dissertation Scholarship](#) application is now available. Apply on [campuslabs](#).
      - Open to all PhD candidates conducting research
      - Can be awarded up to \$500 for the 2019–2020 academic year
      - Rolling application – Deadline is April 17th, 2020 by 5pm
      - Contact [gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu) for more questions
  - **GPSA Visioning Survey 2019**
    - GPSA is seeking student input for our strategic plans
    - Keep your eye on our social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter). Will be posted on Friday, November 8th.



- You can also access the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/GPSAvision>.
- Reach out to Kristen Johnson, the Chair of GPSA University and Student Affairs, for any questions at [gpsa.university@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.university@wsu.edu).
- **Donuts with the Dean**
  - Still ongoing, next meetings are 11/6 and 11/15 at noon. Check [Facebook Events](#), as well as the [GPSA website events](#) for more information.
- **Graduate and Professional Community Events (Where to look!)**
  - Please check [WSU Events](#) page for October & November events and our [GPSA Community Engagement Page](#)
    - GPSA [Facebook](#)
    - GPSA [Twitter](#)
    - GPSA [Instagram](#) and Instagram stories!
- 5:40 | **Guest Speakers**
  - *Director of GIESORC (Gender/Identity Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center) - Dr. Matthew Jeffries*
    - Please visit <https://thecenter.wsu.edu/home/> to get more information for discussion.
    - Focused on education, engagement, and equity
      - Education: Ally trainings, LGBT 101. Understand that people are the products of their upbringing.
      - Engagement: GPAWS (Graduate Pride Alliance at Washington State), many committees as well, five working groups. So far, WSU building standards have been changed to include all-gender restrooms in every building, working to increase free menstrual products in all coin-operated machines on campus. Improving admissions process for potential LGBT+ students, especially trans students.
      - Equity: working for equity across campus for LGBT+ students.
  - Located in CUB 401 8am–9pm M-Th, 8am–5pm F (Mostly undergrads, but they would love to see more graduate students as well).
  - Pronouns are uploadable in myWSU, but they are not currently connected to anything. Trying to expand to a whole range of services (housing, case management, etc.)
- Director of WSU Evening Child Care Center – **Heather McDermott-Havey and Emily**



- Children's center provides a high quality, early learning program through the state of Washington.
- Currently going through accreditation.
- Lab school: includes a teaching program for many fields, opening up more to research, teacher job training as well.
- Daytime program serves 171 children from 6 weeks to 12 years old.
- Evening care program: Allows students with children to have free time to study or work. M-Th, 5:30-9:30, provides USDA meal in family style dining, considers religious and cultural aspects of food.
- Enrollment was waitlisted for evening care in the back, currently changed the age groups and made it more accessible for students to sign up.
- Looking to add some adult/parent enrichment courses as well.
- **Discussion with each speaker**
  - **Matthew Jeffries**
    - Do you have suggestions for anything to add to a syllabus?
      - Yes! Adding your pronouns is a little thing you can do that can make students feel more at ease and comfortable in your classroom. Sending out an email introducing yourself before classes start, and including your pronouns, asking if their name on the roster is what is what they want to be called, and explaining how they can meet with you for accommodations is also a great way to be an ally to students.
    - Do you have resources/training for those of us who would like to make our offices a safe space?
      - We are currently retooling our ally training, which should roll out this spring, but you can schedule 1-on-1 training with Matthew in the GIESORC. Think about how you can bring in voices that are not always seen or heard, think critically about how many of your readings come from predominantly privileged groups (i.e., old white men). We also have flags, pins, and stickers available for you to decorate your spaces.
- *| Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds (10 min)*
  - ***Grab your new GPSA t-shirts !***



- 6:00| Open Floor
  - College Discussion: Who is going to take our place next year? Like objects in car mirrors, applications and elections are closer than they appear. Who will you recruit for fill senate spots, director positions, and executive officers? How can we spread the word more effectively? After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu).
    - R&E senators: Will be putting together materials for VP, currently feel that it is challenging to reach out to potential future senators
  - Research Expo - submission deadline will be January 15th. See the [showcase website](#) or the [GPSA website](#).
  - Friendly reminder to vote tomorrow in Washington, Nov. 5th. About 1200 people did not receive their ballots. You can go down to city hall to vote if you did not get a ballot.
    - You can also print your ballot online, then fill it in, then put it in the mailbox or the dropbox on campus too.
  - Senator James Dalton - Veteran Affairs
    - This Friday: WSU Veteran's Memorial Celebration. 9-10:30 breakfast in CUB Junior. Ballroom, walk from CUB at 10:45 to ceremony at 11.
    - Vet Corps Navigator, ASWSU Veterans' Committee Advisor
    - 984 Veteran's across all WSU campuses (297 at Pullman), as well as 500+ dependents.
      - A lot of our veterans have some sort of disability.
    - Five major VA entities at WSU—currently none focused on graduate students.
      - Office of Veteran's Affairs
        - Part of registrar's office, deals with education benefits, tuition waivers, residency exemptions, work study, etc.
        - WSU is the only school in the state to offer tuition waivers (partial) for Graduate students.
      - ASWSU Veteran's Committee
        - Formed in 1984
        - Advocates for student veterans, community outreach, leadership opportunities, networking, etc.
      - Coug Vets RSO
        - Fundraising, camaraderie events, open to graduate students
      - Student Veteran's Center
        - Vet Corps Navigator, positions available, contact James Dalton at [vetcorps.navigator@wsu.edu](mailto:vetcorps.navigator@wsu.edu)
      - Student Veterans Advisory Board



- 6:30 | Old Business
  - [RSO Funding](#)
    - Application is live! Apply at [RSO Funding](#). Contact Venice if you are having trouble. You must be registered on Campus Labs and the head of the RSO to apply.
    - Awardees will be announced during the Nov. 18th Senate Meeting.
    - To spend your RSO money, stop by the GPSA office or send an email to [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu) to find out how to correctly receive your funds.
- 6:40 | New Business
  - Bylaws – please thoroughly read the bylaw changes. Please email the Internal Affairs Chair, [Anastasia Vishnevskaya](#), with any questions.
    - RSO Funding: Application is online, no changes for this year, happens on a semester basis. Affiliate GPSA RSOs apply on a yearly basis. New bylaws suggest Affiliate RSOs have a minimum of \$500, and must have some sort of quality event to acknowledge that GPSA sponsored the event
    - Suggestion: There shouldn't be a minimum limit.
      - For smaller monetary amounts, they should be able to go to their departments or fundraise, the minimum ensures a high-quality event, since GPSA is sponsoring it.
      - However, not all departments give money to RSOs.
      - Last term, one of the conditions on affiliate funding is that they had to spend at least 75% of \$2500. That was a specific requirement to *maintain* affiliate status. This is on the GPSA website. We are discussing potential changes to the bylaws. The website will not be updated until we approve the bylaws.
      - Potentially will be sending out a poll for senators to informally gauge opinions.
    - Change to make the VPLA position voted on rather than appointed.
      - Discussion on whether the VPLA should run on a separate ticket, or run on the same ticket as the President and Vice-President.
      - Are there provisions set in place if no one runs? It is the same procedure as if a senator position is empty, as outlined in the bylaws. Graduate & Professional students will be able to run in a special election.
      - Opinion: This position is the lobbyist of GPSA. By having them participate in the election is counterintuitive to the position



itself. Response: We WANT this to be elected, since this position has a full stipend, and it is a political process either way. If it is elected, the entire membership gets to vote on it, which is more representative of the GPSA. Sure, there are potential issues by not having them on the same ticket, but there is almost always interest in the VPLA position, and we should keep it an open process. Counter response: the VPLA should not have a full stipend. VPLA response: I would say that I would never do this job for a director stipend, the full stipend is not even enough to do what I do. Mack agrees it is worth the stipend. They are an important member of the executive board, especially considering their travel work. Their duties are different from the other members of the executive committee, and thus should be a separate vote on the ballot.

- Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. **Passed.**
- Sponsorships granted by Budget Committee thus far:
  - PPPA (Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs) \$200 GSA (Guest Speaker)
  - VetMed RSO (social) \$300
  - Pending: MLK Event
- Friendly reminder: According to the bylaws, all sponsorship or funding requests must be presented to the Budget Committee for vote and approval. Please email [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu) for an application created by one of our Budget Committee members. Amounts totaling over \$1000 must be approved by Senate.
- Weekly reminder for Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
- | Adjournment at **7:15 PM**