



- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #6 Minutes
    - Approved
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #7 Agenda
    - Approved
  
- 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
  - PDI Events
    - Work and Wellness Discussion Series: How We Work, Author Leah Weiss and AFW faculty presenter
      - Nov. 30, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
  - Mental Health Speaker Series
    - Ross Szabo, "Behind Happy Faces"
    - Jan. 23 - 24
  - Programming
    - Holiday Study Jam
      - Dec. 6, 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Graduate Student Lounge (Terrell 4/35)
  - GPSA Research Expo Call for Abstracts
    - Research Expo is March 28, 2019 in Pullman
    - Abstract Submissions open Nov. 26 - Jan. 16
    - 250 words max no later than Wednesday, Jan 16, 2019
    - <https://showcase.wsu.edu/gpsa-research-expo/>
    - Reviewers Needed: Contact [gpsa.strategic@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.strategic@wsu.edu)
    - Categories have been revised giving people better opportunities to win scholarships (\$9,600 available)
  - Cougar Unity Week
    - "An opportunity to affirm our unity, pause, reflect, and consider who we are as Cougs. We are using this time to re-commit to working together and to take caring and coordinated action to better our community."
    - "All we truly have to offer to any cause is our vulnerability--this is where authenticity lives. When we engage authentically with others, we create possibilities for empathy and connection through which we can create much-needed change."
      - Nov. 27
        - #GivingTuesday for Cougar Health Fund
      - Nov. 28



- 9:30 - UndocuAlly Training
  - 10:00 - Voice CAmpaign
  - 11:00 - ACLU Student Group Events, Civil Political Debate and Effectiveness, Undocumented Tales
  - Noon - Communicating with Difficult People, COMMUNITY Table Potluck
  - 1:00 - Protected Speech: What it is and what it isn't
  - 2:00 - Know Your Rights, Native American/African American Activist Intersection in American History
  - Nov 29
    - All Day - The Writing on the Wall (Women\*s Center, Wilson-Short 8)
  - Nov. 30
    - 9:00 - Tea and Resistance
    - 11:00 - Reflection and Action, Tabling on the 5 Working Groups
- 5:35 - 6:35 | Committee Updates from Directors
  - Programming (Veneice)
    - Holiday Study Jam reminder!
    - Open for suggestions for future programming events
    - Contact her for suggestions for next semester's events
  - Budget (David)
    - Committee reviews budgets for every month's worth of spending
    - Update on finances as of Oct. 31 (more detail in slides)
  - Legislative Affairs (Josh)
    - Passed legislative agenda in September
    - Produced plain language initiative form for WA midterm voting education
      - Accessed over 1,000 times and was cited by CNN!!
    - Currently prepping for Cougar Day at the Capitol, more on applications later next semester
  - Strategic Planning and Scholarship (Hongda)
    - Research Expo
    - Plans of editing the existing strategic plan
      - Strategic plan is based off of the student survey and current program to align GPSA goals with "Drive to 25"
      - Update to include "Senate of the Year" Scholarship and changes to the evaluation process to help more senators win each year



- Grants (Miles)
  - Update on travel grants and applications
    - 106 applications received
    - 87 approved, 13 declined
    - 82% of submitted applications have been awarded funding
    - Awarded a total of \$47,588.01 out of \$60,225.18 total requests
  - Monthly application periods have been a huge success!
  - Work in progress
    - Improving and simplifying travel grant application
      - Try to better reward work done instead of authorship on a paper
    - Updating forms
    - Clarifying policies
    - Cleaning up the website
  - Q: We get paid after travel, but could we get an advance before travel?
    - A: 3-4 years ago this was the process and was a nightmare. With the new monthly travel periods its a shorter amount of time to wait for funding. Possible solutions in the future but is tricky to do right now
  - Speak up if you hear your departments say they are cutting back travel funds because GPSA is so generous. **DON'T LET YOUR DEPARTMENT TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU!**
  - Q: Are there any thoughts or movements towards increasing \$250 cap for professional students/non-presenters?
    - A: We prioritize research that is presented, it falls in line with the mission of WSU. Professional development opportunities is not as high of a priority because it is less in line with the GPSA goals and WSU's Drive to 25.
  - Comment: Investing in private and personal development used to be a policy, but went away.
- Communications (Ralph)
  - Request for Monday Minute content each week
  - Swag orders were successful and will be headed out next senate meeting
  - More money available for swag, accepting suggestions
- Community Affairs (Tiffany)
  - Pullman2040.org
  - Expansion of the Pullman/Moscow airport
    - Working on direct flight to Denver, CO.



- Hospital is establishing a 3-year rural residency program in family medicine to help with Pullman doctor shortage
- Downtown Pullman will become a Main Street Organization this week!
- Pullman Good Food Co-op opening up soon
- Housing security for Whitman county
  - Supporting and expanding low income housing tax credits
  - Developing new affordable housing projects
- Speaker series event
  - More updates in next senate meeting,
  - Theme: Growing sustainable solutions
  - In Butch's Den and available for live stream
- \$1,000 going towards supporting 32nd annual MLK Week
  - <https://mlk.wsu.edu/>
- Internal Affairs (Susan)
  - 4th floor in CUB having potluck with MSS during Unity Week
  - Working on building community opportunities to mingle outside of programming
  - Becoming familiar with bylaws and constitution
  - Taking in feedback from senators
  - Working with Margaret for research and extension center
  - Next semester
    - Election season is coming up and advertising starting as soon as January
    - Trying to increase publicity and involvement for elections
- University Affairs (Carolina)
  - Over 30 operating university committees
  - Updated list for committee openings coming in January
  - Working on responding to student issues that arise
    - Chinook/UREC
    - Indigenous Peoples Day resolution
    - Meeting with coug health services on LGBTQ policies
    - Graduate student census survey in progress
      - Accepting ideas for some questions and data that may be collected through the survey
- Professional Development Initiative (Jenn)
  - 18 events so far this fall semester
  - Friday is last PDI event this semester
  - 3 year program and continuing to grow



- Next semester
  - Focus on what needs to happen next
  - Trying new things
  - Planning and transition
  - 15 events planned for Spring
  - Creating a teaching series of events
- Executive Office Updates (Amir)
  - S/O to senate!
  - Have met with almost every university administrator
  - Chat & Chew was a success
    - May bring it back in the Spring with Mary Jo
  - Travel to Prosser and reaching out to extension centers and campuses
  - Senator seed grants (\$6,000 back to colleges)
  - GPSA is one of the best grad and prof. student orgs in the nation!
  - Anticipate more budget cuts going into the future
- 6:35 - 6:45 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
- 6:45 - 7:00 | Open Floor
  - Open Discussion: What would you like to see GPSA do next semester? What would you like the senate body to accomplish in SP19? Group up in departments/college, groups of 3-4. After discussion senators will then have time to voice their responses or email them to [vpgpsa@wsu.edu](mailto:vpgpsa@wsu.edu).
    - Run a system that allows us to identify and showcase students with good work life balance, ask them tips for their success
    - Reserve a portion of the budget for renting a storage unit and using the space for recent grads to donate furniture and items that could be passed down to international students/out of state. Etc...
      - Annual “come and get it” event to pick up donations
    - Public events for grad students to practice speaking publicly about their research at restaurants, cafes, etc
    - Support continuation and increased development of childcare services
    - Start conversation about support for sober living on campus
    - Continuing striped conversation and cost of living adjustments
    - Ufit development for grad students, better prizes. Maybe UREC can donate a fitness class membership or 10-pass
    - Advocate for more graduate/prof student focused mental health services



- Formal social event. Winter social? Any reason to get dressed up and fancy semi-formal.
- More engagement from R&E campuses with university and GPSA
- More R&E students attend and participate in research expo in March
- “Meet Your Senator Social Hour” to help develop better department/college relationships with GPSA
- PDI event for references and citations, publishing, etc.
- Items from the gallery
  - None
- 7:00 - 7:25 | Old Business
  - Chat ‘n Chew with President Schulz Recap
    - ~55 in attendance, great feedback from Pres. Schulz
    - Future events
    - Feedback?
      - Event was a success, wine is only thing to make it even better
      - Food was awesome
      - Good turnout
      - Do more events like this
  - AVP/Dean of Students Search
    - Interviews done, expect decision in coming weeks
    - Thank you for participation and engagement
  - Friendsgiving at Etsi Bravo Recap
    - ~150 people in attendance
    - Feedback
      - Amazing food
      - Awesome turnout for a Wednesday before holiday
  - Senate Housewarming Recap
    - 28 in attendance
    - Feedback
      - Hope this event happens again next semester
      - More money to include a +1 for senators
  - Chinook and SRC Fees
    - UREC Board meeting Dec. 6
    - Prepping questions and presentations
  - RSO Affiliate Funding Update
    - Decisions voted on January 7th for final approval
    - Committee discussing “affiliate” status and considering potential changes



- Graduate Student Stipends Continued Discussion
  - Take the survey!
  - [https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_e3ab1iOVBMYaYvj](https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3ab1iOVBMYaYvj)
- Legislative Affairs
  - Coug Day at the Capital
    - Application closes 11/27
  - WSA Recap
    - Josh attended on Veteran's Day Weekend
    - Held twice a year
    - On the agenda: setting up the legislative template
      - 19 proposals from students from various universities
        - Includes graduate bills of rights (Passed - more information later)
        - Request to expand graduate student's ability to work off campus beyond 20 hours (Failed)
      - If you want to see the proposals, please contact Josh.
- 7:25 - 7:27 | New Business
  - Check Updated Speaker List for SP19 Senate meetings
  - S&A Update
    - See Amir's updates above
  - No Official Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
    - But schedule an appointment!
- Adjournment