



- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #10 Minutes
 - Minutes are approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #11 Agenda
 - Agenda is approved
- Announcements & Events
 - **PDI Events**
 - [Data Literacy: Busting Myths of Big Data Part 2](#)
 - 03/10/20, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - [Goal Setting and Project Management \(Tri-Cities Campus\)](#)
 - 03/11/20, 5:10-7:00 pm
 - [“Data Privacy and Security” vs. “Personal and Research Data Management”](#)
 - 03/12/20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - [Writing Workshop Series: Reference Management Software \(Tri-Cities Campus\)](#)
 - 03/12/20, 12:00-2:00 pm
 - **GPSA Programming Committee Events**
 - Hot Yoga & Smoothies @ Sanctuary Yoga Studio!
 - Email feedback to gpsa.programming@wsu.edu
 - Soccer Tournament will be announced soon!
 - Co-hosted with Crop and Soil Science GSO
 - **GPSA Presents Graduate Student Pre-Funk Night at Rico’s!**
 - Thursday Nights - Specials on drafts, fries and pints!
 - **Research Expo (GPSA Scholarships Committee)**
 - Volunteers needed! Sign-up sheet passed around at the meeting, email Yini at gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu, food and gifts provided!
 - Thursday, March 26, 2020
 - 80 accepted applications and a few on the waitlist
 - **GPSA Excellence Awards**
 - Deadline is March 20th, details on the website
 - **GPSA University Committee**
 - Mental Health First Aid Training for Graduate students on Saturday, March 28th, 8AM to 5PM.
 - Few more spots left! Register by March 13th, 2020
 - <https://tinyurl.com/gpsamentalhealth>



- **GPSA Community Affairs (Where to look!)**
 - Please check [WSU Events](#) page for February events, our [GPSA Community Engagement Page](#), and GPSA on social media
- **GPSA Communications Committee**
 - **Grad students on Assistantships** – Use your \$200 vision benefit for glasses, prescription sunglasses, or contacts with WSU Health & Wellness Services!
 - **Senator and Executive Board Testimonials webpage**
 - Need a professional photo and a statement of what you do/like about GPSA and/or why you are in GPSA. Please keep statements short, you can see <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/get-involved/testimonials/> for examples.
 - Send photo and quote to gpsa.communications@wsu.edu
- **GPSA Budget Committee**
 - RSO Funding Applications will be available during Spring Break!
- **Legislative Action Days in DC**
 - April 22nd-24th, deadline for application is March 24th by 5pm
 - Contact gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu for further questions
 - Application at:
<https://wsu.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/393922>
- *Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds*
- **Open Floor**
 - GPSA President, Jenn Johnson
 - Covid-19 updates, difficulty in decision-making for class cancellation
 - Requirements for 80% of the semester to be fulfilled in order to keep government programs, federal grants, loans, etc.
 - See <https://wsu.edu/covid-19/> to stay up to date.
 - Be smart and think about your own health when making travel plans, especially for spring break.
 - Conference cancellations will be a problem, Executive team is meeting with advisors about possible remedies/reimbursements.
 - Chair of University Affairs, Kristen Johnson
 - GPSA Census survey going live on Wednesday, prizes to win if you complete the survey! (15 laser pointers)
 - Senator from Economics, Syed Badruddoza
 - Community Engagement Spotlight, monthly recognition of students posted on website and MM for outreach and community service
 - Excellence award will be given at the end of the year, request for nominations for more Spotlights sent to Syed



- Email will be forwarded!
 - Any announcements? Questions? Concerns?
 - Request to Volunteer for Kids Science and Engineering Day!
 - New Webpage created for R&E centers to bring more awareness to students at different locations
 - PDI events are still continuing as schedule despite any Covid-19 warnings
 - **Old Business**
 - RSO Funding - Vote
 - Motion to Amend the Bylaws according to amendments sent out (see Appendix 1).
 - Discussion: Michael Craven with overview of new funding protocol
 - Options for Annual and Semester application funding
 - Sponsorships now handled outside of RSO funding
 - James: Motion to amend includes several options, which is being voted on? A: Vote is on the full amendments as sent in Agenda
 - Vote on Amendment for RSO funding to the bylaws
 - The Ayes have it, motion carries!
 - **APPROVED**
 - **New Business**
 - Access Center – Disability Awareness Event (Davi Kallman review budget)
 - Vote on \$2,500 sponsorship
 - Q: What will our funding go to specifically? A: Assisted Technology and Accommodations preferably, in line with GPSA's focus on inclusivity
 - The Motion carries! **APPROVED**
 - **GPSA Debates**
 - Facilitated by Ana Vishnevskaya, Chair of Internal Affairs
 - Review of election policy and procedures
 - GPSA President, Vice President, and VPLA candidates
 - College Representative candidates
 - See candidate statements for additional information at <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/media/164743/gpsa-2020-general-elections-statements-for-website-submit.pdf>.
 - Discussion of unrepresented colleges/departments and Special Elections.
 - [Voting begins at 8pm tonight](#)
- 7:00 | **Adjournment**



Appendix 1. Amendment to change the bylaws to adopt the new RSO and Sponsorship funding process.

The following will replace Article VI, Sections 3 & 4 of the bylaws.

Section 3: Registered Student Organization (RSO) Funding

- A. The GPSA will allocate funds on an annual and semester basis to other Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) of Washington State University that will participate in the mission and goals of the GPSA by serving the interests of Members of the GPSA.
 - 1. RSO funding is intended to serve as the budget of a requesting RSO, and so requests for GPSA RSO funds may include any number of events and expenditures related to the operations of the RSO.
 - 2. To be eligible for RSO funding, an organization must be a Registered Student Organization (RSO) of Washington State University and the majority of its members must be Members of the GPSA.
 - 3. Annual funding is intended to provide funding to RSOs that will plan and execute larger events that serve the graduate and professional students of WSU and foster connections with the WSU community.
 - 4. Semester funding is intended to provide funding on a more flexible basis to RSOs that serve Members of GPSA in various capacities.
- B. RSOs must submit an application for RSO funding in the semester preceding the period for which the funds are requested.
 - 1. An application period for RSO funding requests will occur each semester and must be open for at least one month.
 - i. Applications for semester funding will be accepted during each semester for funding in the following semester.
 - ii. Applications for annual funding will only be accepted in the Spring semester for funding throughout the following academic year.
 - 2. The required application for RSO funding along with the rubric to be used by the Budget Committee in making its recommendations for funding must be



presented to and approved by the Senate annually or if a change is made to the application or rubric between semesters.

3. The Budget Committee will hold a workshop during each application period for RSO funding to provide information to Members and organizations about the application process.
- C. The Budget Committee will review all requests for RSO funding and make a recommendation to the Senate regarding how RSO funding should be allocated.
1. The recommendation materials from the Budget Committee must include the information of all organization that make a request regardless of whether they are recommended to receive funding.
- D. All allocations of RSO funding must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
1. Any organization recommended by the Budget Committee to receive \$1,000 or more in RSO funding must send a representative to present a brief summary of the request to the Senate at the meeting that the recommendation is presented to the Senate.
- E. The GPSA will limit the amount of RSO funding that may be allocated on an annual or semester basis and to each RSO in total to ensure that the funding is appropriate to its intended uses and to ensure that a breadth of RSOs have the opportunity to receive funding.
1. Annual funding allocations have a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$2,500 for the academic year.
 2. Semester funding allocations have no minimum and a maximum of \$2,000 in total for both semesters. RSOs may receive semester funding allocations in any combination between two semesters as long as the total allocation is not more than \$2,000.
 3. No RSO may receive more than \$2,500 in RSO funding within a single academic year.
 - i. An RSO that receives less than the annual maximum in annual funding may apply for and be allocated additional semester funding in the Spring semester up to the annual limit for RSO funding.
- F. RSO funds must be spent on events and programs that align with the mission of the GPSA and do not violate any of the rules for the expenditure of GPSA funds.



1. RSO funds must be spent within the period for which they are allocated (academic year or semester). Any allocated funds not spend during that period will revert to the GPSA.
 2. Funds may not be allocated retroactively. No reimbursements may be made for costs incurred prior to the approval of funding.
 3. Funds may not be used for gifts, prizes, awards, scholarships, or any other purpose that would be given to a specifically designated individual.
- G. Organizations that receive RSO funding must submit a written report and documentation for all funds spent to the Budget Committee at the conclusion of the period for which the funds are allocated (academic year or semester).
1. A summary of all of the RSO funding reports must be provided to the Senate.
 2. An organization that fails to submit a report for RSO funding received at the end of their funding period will be ineligible for all RSO funding (both annual and semester funding) for the next semester.

Section 4: Sponsorship of Events and Programs

- A. The GPSA may allocate funds on a case-by-case basis to sponsor programs and events consistent with the mission and goals of the GPSA that serve the interests of Members of the GPSA.
1. Sponsorship funding is intended to provide support for specific events that are beneficial to the graduate and professional student community.
 2. Priority for sponsorships will be given to collaborative events, events that foster community engagement, and external events that benefit the graduate and professional community.
 3. RSOs may apply for sponsorship funding for their programs and events regardless of their RSO funding, although events or programs that could be funded through the RSO funding process will be given lower priority for sponsorships.
- B. Applications for sponsorships will accepted continuously throughout the academic year.
1. The required application for sponsorships must be presented to and approved by the Senate annually.
- C. Applications for sponsorship funding will be reviewed by the Community Affairs Committee with the assistance of the Budget Committee.



1. The Community Affairs committee will review each application for sponsorship within ten (10) business days of receiving the completed application.
 2. The Community Affairs Committee may request recommendations from the Budget Committee regarding the budgets requested for sponsorships and the availability of GPSA
- D. Allocations for sponsorships up to \$500 may be approved by the Community Affairs Committee, and allocations for sponsorships greater than \$500 must be approved by the Senate.
1. Allocations for sponsorships up to \$500 may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Community Affairs Committee.
 - i. All sponsorships considered by the Community Affairs Committee must be reported to the Senate with the summary of the event or program, the sponsoring group, the outcome of their vote, and the amount of the sponsorship.
 2. Allocations for sponsorships greater than \$500 must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
 - i. Any organization, event, or program recommended to receive a sponsorship of \$1,000 or more must send a representative to present a brief summary of the request to the Senate at the meeting that the recommendation is presented to the Senate.
- E. There is no minimum or maximum amount that may be requested or allocated related to a sponsorship.
- F. Sponsorships must be spent consistent with the purpose for which those funds were approved, and the expenditures must not violate any of the rules for the expenditure of GPSA funds.
1. Sponsorships must specify a date for the event or program to be funded. Any allocated funds not spent more than one month after the last specified date will revert to the GPSA.
 2. Funds may not be allocated retroactively. No reimbursements may be made for costs incurred prior to the approval of funding.
 3. Funds may not be used for gifts, prizes, awards, scholarships, or any other purpose that would be given to a specifically designated individual.



- G. Groups that receive sponsorships must submit a written report and documentation for all funds spent to the GPSA within one month of the of the last specified date of the event or program.
 1. A summary of all of the sponsorship reports must be provided to the Senate.
 2. Any group that fails to submit a report for a sponsorship following their event will be ineligible for sponsorships for the rest of the current semester or until the report is filed.

Amendment to add the review of sponsorships to the duties of the Community Affairs Committee.

The following will be added to Article VI, Section 11, B of the bylaws.

5. Review applications for sponsorships and make funding determinations or recommendations to the Senate.