



- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #5 Minutes
 - Approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #6 Agenda
 - Guest speaker could not attend
 - Guest speaker dialogue section has been deleted
 - Motion to modify the agenda, thus striking the guest speaker section for this evening's meeting
 - Motion approved
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - Chat 'n Chew with President Schulz
 - Nov. 13, 5:00-6:30 pm Marriott Teaching & Dining Hall (In Todd Hall, basement)
 - +1s invited
 - Casual attire, food will be served by the Hospitality Business Management Catering Services
 - 100-110 people expected, friends can be brought
 - Even if you don't have a question, you are welcome to stop by. This will give you an opportunity to build relationships.
 - PDI Events
 - Writing Workshop Series: Critical Reading Strategies by Lorena O'English and Elitza Kotzeva
 - Nov. 7, 1:00-3:00 pm
 - Learning to thrive, not just survive: Developing resiliency in grad school - Tri-Cities Campus
 - Nov. 9, 11:00 am -1:00 pm
 - Writing Lock In
 - Nov. 14, 1:00-4:00 pm
 - Programming
 - Friendsgiving at Etsi Bravo
 - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 - Food by Black Cypress
 - First come first serve
 - Internal Affairs
 - Senate Housewarming
 - Nov. 8, 6:00-8:00pm
 - [Asian Pacific American Cultural House](#),
 - Close to the Lower Soccer Fields: 905 C. St., Pullman



- Street parking is available, but limited. Please try to carpool.
- Catered by Mela, Serving Bangladeshi cuisine with halal and vegetarian food and drinks
 - Not a +1 event
- AVP/Dean of Students Search
 - Halfway through campus interviews
 - If you attended and/or have feedback:
https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4IqmmKNScq2r8Hz
 - Lunch and open forum 12:15 - 1.15 pm Cub Jr. Ballroom, Nov 6 and 12th
- Legislative Affairs
 - Mental Health Speaker Series
 - November 13th – Michelle Poler, speaker on mental health stigmas, will speak at 5:30 p.m. in the CUB Junior Ballroom.
 - January 23rd-24th – Ross Szabo, “Behind Happy Faces”
 - 2018 Midterm Engagement Events
 - November 6th – Election Night watch party hosted by the CUB and CCE in the CUB Lair, starting at 5 pm
 - Please vote!
- ~~● 5:36 | Guest Speaker~~
 - ~~○ Kathy MacKay, Associate Vice President & Dean of Students: Speaking on university budgets and long-term balanced budget plans~~
- ~~● 5:50 | Dialogue with Kathy MacKay~~
- 5:45-6:20 | Open Floor
 - Open 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.
 - Senators are encouraged to start identifying candidates (including themselves) for a senator or director position.
 - Internal affairs need help. Please encourage good participation for this committee.



- President and vice president run as a team, then they appoint the VPLA when they are elected. VPLA is the only position that is not elected.
- University Committee Update:
Student at large spot open on CUB advisory board. Mostly students, along with some people; They decide the allocation of funds in CUB. If interested, please email Elliot: elliott.j.marston@wsu.edu
- NAGPS national conference:
 - We had 4 delegates attend the conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas.
 - Graduate students, including international students, are encouraged to discuss the challenges faced on a daily basis.
 - Graduate student overworking
 - People responsible for this: Faculties, Un-informed students, University
 - Solution: More pay, record situation, complain to community
 - Add a community in GPSA
 - Rule protecting the students
 - Email with any suggestions
 - Student wellness
 - Increased risk for mental health issues
 - Personal life, funding situations, faculties cause the mental issues.
 - Available resources: Counseling clinic, medical clinic, SRC, students success center
 - Colorado Federation of Grad student
 - State level graduate association
 - Monthly meeting to tackle the issues, ideas welcome on the graduate student issues
 - Approved the meeting at state level.
 - Cross-university collaborations to Increase Diversity and Inclusion in Graduate Science and Engineering Programs:
 - University of Chicago designed a recruitment and sustainability framework, and then the University of Virginia followed.
 - Motivation given for the applications to travel to conferences and



- Recruit; Interviews; Follow-up; Election and Mentor
- Shima Shams will serve as the International Concerns advisor at the national level!
- Q&A:
 - Q: Who started the federation of graduate students?
 - Started in University of Colorado-Boulder
 - We have an organization in WSU focussed on undergraduate students, moving to grad students, Josh going to the general meeting; more info next week.
 - Follow up explanation from our VPLA: a representative of the University of Denver brought up the proposal during the western regional NAGPS meeting back in March 2018
 - Q: A common theme seems to be centered around funding and healthcare. Was there any mention for unionization for graduate students?
 - Always a thought,
 - A research on unionization was done by the legislative affairs committee last year. Here is a [link](#) to the report.
 - Q: Visa Issues: was the issue on the fixed F1-visa duration discussed?
 - Working on developing the fixed period, looking for stories (conditions anticipated for approval of law), need to write a review.
- Items from the gallery
 - None
- 6:20-6:30 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
 - Grab your t-shirts (if you do not already have one)
- 6:30-7:15 | Old Business
 - Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution
 - A lot of people (graduate students, faculty, staff) worked on it from different departments.
 - [Access the resolution text here](#)
 - WSU signed a resolution to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day Sept 28



- The process of writing the resolution
- Discussion and comments
- Vote
 - Motion to pass the Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution
 - No discussion
 - No opposition
 - Motion passed
- Chinook and SRC Fees
 - Overview steps taken so far
 - Nick (Chair of UREC board) outlines the opportunities to collect more info
 - Allison queries to help discussion around the financial impacts and use of fees
 - Both of them are working on the steps taken so far, and will provide a list of queries to the UREC board.
 - Only heard from three senators so far, we need more feedback.
 - GPSA exec team is working with the administrative side (had a discussion with President Schultz, will have one with Mary Jo Gonzalez)
 - Future actions and plans
 - Still needed feedback
 - Q: Timeline? Access next year?
 - It is early to think of a timeline right now. We are still in the exploration phases, hopefully we will have an answer soon.
- RSO Affiliate Funding Open till Nov. 16
 - Applications are open now.
 - Semester review form for RSOs that obtained previous funding, as well as the affiliate funding application for all RSOs.
 - Funding can be \$1500, and must be 50% grad and professional students
 - Total of \$15000 for Spring 2019
 - It's through cougsync.
 - Q: Can we take a look at the entire pdf before starting to apply?
 - Please email David, VP, GPSA and he can send the pdf.
- Senator Seed Grant Application Results
 - Congratulations to CAHNRS, CAS, College of Com, College of Engineering, College of Ed, and the Graduate School!
 - To spend your money, set up a meeting with Alex and the Exec Office
- Graduate Student Stipends Continued Discussion



- Ongoing
- Few senators have to roll the ball and keep motivating the discussion.
 - Required steps
 - Talk to dept/colleges/peers
 - Gather some data
 - Research on living costs (will change from the campus locations)
 - Schedule meetings
 - Q: Whom to talk to?
 - Contact David Silva, vpgpsa@wsu.edu
- 7:15 - 7:30 | New Business
 - R&E senator positions
 - Proposal to revise the bylaws and create specific senate spots for R&E center students
 - Senators are currently assigned to colleges.
 - If you have thoughts on the matter, contact David or Susans (director of internal affairs)
 - In progress now
 - More information will be conveyed during the next senate or early in the Spring
 - Coug Day at the Capital 2019
 - January 27th to January 28th in Olympia, WA.
 - Applications will be open from Nov 6th to Nov 27th
 - Senators are encouraged to promote this to their constituents.
 - Contact Josh, VPLA, GPSA for more information
 - Weekly reminder for Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
 - Kind reminder to always email your constituents!
- 7:30 | Adjournment