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[Virtual Attendance sheet HERE](#)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE from the Internal Affairs Committee:

The Vice President will be attending the Senate meeting on Monday, January 27th, 2020, via Zoom. The GPSA President seat is still vacant. Due to this circumstance, the Senators will have to nominate a Chair for the first senate meeting and vote on this nomination so that the Senate meeting can start.

As soon as the Senate has a chair for the first meeting, the senate meeting will follow the agenda.

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Appoint Chairperson
 - Nominations: Kristen Johnson
 - Discussion:
 - James from AAS: Is Chair just for this meeting? A: Yes.
 - Vote: 41-0, Kristen appointed Chair
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #7 Minutes
 - No objection, minutes approved
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #8 Agenda
 - No objections, agenda approved

- Guest Speaker
 - Davi Kallman, Access Advisor (davi.kallman@wsu.edu | 509-335-3417)
 - Doctoral candidate in Murrow College of Communication
 - [Access Center Disability Awareness Symposium](#)
 - April 06 - 10, 2020
 - “Fitness for All: Inclusive Fitness and Sport”
 - Featuring keynote speaker Wesley Hamilton, crossfit athlete and motivational speaker
 - Center services all students, including those from Everett, Bremerton, and Global Campuses
 - Why GPSA should become a financial sponsor for ACDA Symposium:
 - 1439 registered students at the Access Center
 - Approx. 1000 with invisible disabilities
 - Promote diversity, spread awareness of disabilities on Pullman campus



- Symposium Cost: Approximately \$18,000
 - Current needs after other sponsorships: \$5000
- GPSA budget committee is discussing possible funding amounts, and will present at the next senate meeting
- Questions:
 - James, AAS: How does the access center help get students access to diagnosis services? A: Access center acts only after diagnosis, but CAPS at WSU does reduce the cost of testing for diagnostic services.
 - Juliana, CVM: What sorts of accommodations does the access center offer for graduate students to whom students ask them for help? A: Access center offers several accommodations, including separate test-taking locations, note-taking assistance, etc. Students with more complex disabilities are taken care of on a case-by-case basis. Please send students to the Access Center even if they are not diagnosed, so that they can be referred to a helpful location.
- Announcements & Events
 - **PDI Events**
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 - [*Tax Help for Grad-Prof Students*](#)
 - 1/30/2020, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
 - [*A Skill Worth Developing: Making Your Point in 30 Seconds*](#)
 - 1/31/2020, 12:00–2:00 p.m.
 - [*Data Literacy: Busting Myths of Big Data Part*](#)
 - 2/5/2020, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 - **Programming Events**
 - Ufit 4.0 – Go [HERE](#) for more information and sign-up
 - Registrants receive \$5-off coupon towards any UREC fitness class, and chance to win other GPSA sponsored prizes
 - Bowling Night at Zeppos
 - February 14th, 6-8:30pm
 - Online bowling lane sign-up form open on January 27th! Sign-up [HERE](#)
 - **GPSA Presents Graduate Student Pre-Funk Night at Rico's!**
 - Specials on drafts, fries, and pints!
 - \$5 large fry baskets, \$5 draft pints, \$3 wells
 - Thursdays 7-9pm



- **Research Expo (Scholarships Committee)**
 - Thursday, March 26, 2020
 - 150 submissions
 - Big need for volunteers to review abstracts together
 - Dinner will be provided, look out of email from gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu to sign up
 - If you submitted an abstract, you are still able to review!
- **GPSA Awards**
 - Nominations out now/soon?
- **GPSA University Committee**
 - Mental Health First Aid Training for Graduate students in March 2020!
- **Graduate and Professional Community Events (Where to look!)**
 - Please check [WSU Events](#) page for February events, our [GPSA Community Engagement Page](#), and GPSA on social media.
- **GPSA Communications Committee**
 - General Elections – Current Senators will be featured
 - Need a professional photo and a statement of what you do/like about GPSA and/or why you are in GPSA
 - Send photo and quote to gpsa.communications@wsu.edu by January 31st
- *Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds*
 - Skipped due to being behind schedule
- **Open Floor**
 - Open Discussion: Any announcements? Please approach one of the two microphones at Senate and inform Senate about events, information, conferences, etc.
 - Alex Howell, SBS: Plant Sciences Symposium on April 4th this year, plantsciencesymposium.wsu.edu for more information
 - Senator for Civil Engineering: STEM outreach program wanting to increase graduate student participation in Kids Science and Engineering Day, March of this year
 - Any graduate student associations should reach out to Community Outreach Committee
 - Andrew Gillreath-Brown: Grab a flyer for new Graduate Writing Center, spread the word to other graduate students that the service is available



- **Old Business**

- **Bylaws - RSO Funding**

- Opportunity for any senators to submit amendments to the bylaws
- Q: Budget committee was supposed to receive a draft? A: Not enough time for the BC to receive a draft yet. Motion to refer the issue to committee?
- Michael Craven, sent by IAC: To clarify, objective is to vote to postpone this decision to the next meeting to create better proposals for RSO funding procedure, the goal of which is to create the most inclusive funding model.
- Informal Query: Would senators like to wait until the next meeting for a full proposal from the IAC?
- Michael from Mullan: Would be satisfied with a proposal in two meetings, motion to postpone made and seconded.
 - Vote on report to be made by second senate meeting: 47-0, the motion passes

- **New Business**

- Vote on the nomination of the candidate Jennifer Johnson for the GPSA President position

- Summary of nomination timeline sent via email
- New president would assume duties immediately following vote, term ends 5/16/2020
- Discussion:
 - Visnu from Graduate School: Served on SNC, full support of Jennifer Johnson based on commitment to and experience with GPSA
 - Q: Who will assume Johnson's committee chair position if she is selected? A: Special Nomination Committee part 2 will then fill that position
 - Motion to appoint Jennifer Johnson as new GPSA president: 47-0, the motion passes!

- **Elections** – Everything is on website!

- Applications open February 3, 2020 at 12:00 AM and close February 17, 2020 at 11:59 PM
- [GPSA General Elections Information HERE](#)
- Debate will be at the March 9th Senate meeting
- Share this information with your constituents
- Apply on GPSA website!



- **RSO Funding Spring 2020** - Budget Committee
 - Budget committee still accepting Sponsorship Applications
 - [GPSA Sponsorship Application Information HERE](#)
 - Affiliate Funding Applications coming soon for academic year 2020–2021
 - Off-Monday Meetings with VP, Veneice Guillory-lacy
 - Email her at vpgpsa@wsu.edu or stop by the GPSA office

 - 6:30 | Adjournment
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