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If you would like to add items to the agenda, please email the Executive Vice President by the Wednesday before Senate meetings. Minor edits to this agenda can also be suggested over email.

Pay close attention to the Guest Speaker. You are expected to engage in conversation and ask pertinent questions. Some prior research is encouraged so that questions and comments are well-informed.

Here is the agenda:

- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #2 Minutes
 - Approved as written
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #3 Agenda
 - Approved as written
- 5:31 | Announcements
 - Appointment Vote
 - Nominee: Stephen Onayemi
 - From: Entomology, CAHRNS
 - Position: Senator-at-large representing the graduate school
 - Appointment approved through vote
 - PDI Events (Anika VanDeen)
 - [Academic Integrity for Graduate Students](#)
 - Sept. 29th 2020, 11 AM-12:40 PM
 - [Submitting Your Thesis and Dissertation](#)
 - October 2nd, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 - [Writing Lock-In](#)
 - October 7th, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - People from the writing center will be available to help.
 - Programming Updates (Rachel Wong)
 - [GPSA Fall Photo Competition](#)
 - Open till October 4th.
 - Theme: “Life in 2020”.
 - A chance to win a \$50 gift card (1st place).
 - [Mindfulness training + Yoga](#)



- From October 5th - October 6th
- Virtual event for stress relief.
- Open University Committees
 - Anyone can apply
 - [Remind students of your department that positions are available](#)
 - It is greatly beneficial to have grad/prof student voices on these committees!
- RSO Training Application Period
 - The first RSO training had great turnout (hosted by Sam).
 - The second training will be on September 29th, 12:00 PM (hosted by Sam).
 - Any question should be directed to Sam via email.
- Washington Vote: Q&A
 - With the Washington Secretary of State Kim Ryan
 - At 3:00 pm on October 5th
 - Anyone can join through Facebook as well,
 - [Remember to register to vote](#)
- Grad Student Concerns
 - Beatrice Caffè: Any update about the fee refunds and rec center fee?
 - Jennifer Johnson: Still processing, no update yet. Have several upcoming meetings with the AVPs about this issue.
 - Rachel Wong: The UREC board is planning to refund \$5 each.
- Social Media Photo Request
 - Photos of graduate and professional students wearing masks.
 - Videos asking why do you wear a mask?
 - Will be used to create a short video for sharing in the social media for showing the support.
 - Send here: gpsa.internal@wsu.edu
- 6:00 | Guest Speakers
 - [Dr. Jaime Nolan](#), Associate Vice President, Community, Equity, and Inclusive Excellent
 - Could not attend
 - [Kim Holapa](#), Associate Vice President, External Engagement and Strategic Initiatives
 - Division of students' affairs, marketing and communications team, any fundraising or alumni relations falls under the external engagement.
 - Serving as a chief of staffs, so attending lots of administrative meetings falls under the strategic initiatives.
 - [Sean Greene](#), Associate Vice President, Facilities and Operations



- Housing and dining operations.
- Chinook and cultural center office operations.
- [Dr. Linda McDermott](#), Assistant Vice President, Finance
 - Finance and operational types of issues.
 - HR conversations.
- 6:20-6:30 | Dialogue with the AVPs

[This is where senators should be prepared to ask questions of our guest speaker. They have taken time out to reach out to us and want to hear from you. Having no questions or comments shows that we have no feedback to provide. That is seldom the case!

The best way to prepare is to

 - 1) reach out to your constituents: Ask, “What would you want to say to the Director of CHS.”
 - 2) Do some research: Not a lot, but poke around the website and make sure you know a thing or two.
 - 3) Listen actively: If you aren’t actively listening to the guest speaker, are you best serving the student body?]
- [Kim Holapa](#), Associate Vice President, External Engagement and Strategic Initiatives
 - Sam: Would you be handling graduate students’ recruitment?
 - ✓ No, grad school does the recruitment on their own. My job mainly includes maintaining the alumni relations.
 - Sam: What are the most important initiatives your office is working on right now regarding COVID?
 - ✓ Reinforced programming and support structures for incoming undergrad and grad students and meeting their needs.
 - James: How can we maximize interactions between the students and the students’ affairs?
 - ✓ All kinds of helps can be offered depending on the specific requirements.
- [Sean Greene](#), Associate Vice President, Facilities and Operations
 - Mark: How does the students’ affairs serve the graduate students?
 - ✓ Feel free to tell if students’ affairs seem more undergrad oriented.
 - ✓ BBQs at the housing among other affairs.



- Mark: What's the scenario for graduate students who wants to use Chinook?
 - ✓ It went to the referendum in 2015, but the graduate students voted it down while the undergraduates passed the fee with a 75% margin.
 - ✓ Though the grad students can buy the membership at the same expense as the undergrads. But it's an elective fee.
- Gurdeep: How are the rent structure set for housing?
 - ✓ Factors such as inflationary increase,
- Gurdeep: Is the rent related to city council?
 - ✓ Want to make sure that the rent is fair, but we are not drastically undercutting the market.
- Gurdeep: Renter's insurance. Is there a plan for lowering it down?
 - ✓ For personal belongings, it's not viable.
- Behnaz: Is there any plan for the housing issues for the people living at the Research and Extension Centers or people living at Vancouver?
 - ✓ There have been plans and ongoing discussions for developing housing at these places in future.
- [Dr. Linda McDermott](#), Assistant Vice President, Finance
 - Sam: What type of issues do you face regarding finance?
 - ✓ Tuition and fee area.
 - ✓ How things are allocated in budget development and research.
- 6:30-6:40 Break
- 6:30 - 6:45 | New Business
 - Legislative Affairs (We will vote on the Legislative Agenda). **Please be sure to read before the Senate Meeting! A copy of this Agenda is attached along with the agenda!**
 - Community section was updated a bit from the last time (about the affordable housing).
 - Alexa: Suggested adding the funding part regarding the community recreational areas.
 - Other minor language corrections at several places.
 - Motion to vote to approve the Legislative Agenda as is **Passed**.
 - GPSA Evening Childcare – Budget reallocation of \$3000 for newsletter and activity packs. We will be voting on this.



- No Change was made eventually.
- GPSA Budget: We will be voting on the 2020-2021 Budget. Please review the attached Budget document before Monday.
 - Budget for lighting feature was added to improve safety measures in the campus.
 - Some amount carried over from the previous year which will go this year's budget.
 - Jacob: Why the budget for travel and registration varies by month?
 - Sam: This is based on the trend from the previous years.
 - Is the budget revised throughout the year?
 - Sam: If there are any special circumstances, there might be, going through a senate meeting.
 - Motion to approve the budget as is **Passed**.
- GPSA Working Groups
 - 3 working groups, including grad students from the senate as well outside of the senate
 - Healthcare group
 - Housing group
 - Grad and pro students' stipends group
 - Full proposal in the next senate meetings
 - Details will be discussed in the Exec board meeting.
 - Asking for join any of the aforementioned group. The added hours will be on top of the current responsibilities.
- 7:20 PM | Adjournment



GPSA Executive Board Reports:

The lists below are not meant to be comprehensive. If you need clarification or have any questions, please contact the corresponding individual.

President's Report – Jenn Johnson

- Tasks Completed
 - Created GPSA Executive Board Agendas
 - Prepared for GPSA Town Hall presentation
 - Created Board of Regents Report
 - Created Community Affairs Committee agenda
 - Worked on Children's Center plan with VP Sam
 - Held GPSA Office Hours
 - Worked to fill GPSA vacancies
 - Developed plan to promote educational COVID videos/posts
 - Partnered with CCE, UREC, and Student Affairs to create COVID kits
 - Worked with GPSA execs to create GPSA working groups
 - Answered GPSA inquiries
- Meetings Attended
 - Led GPSA Executive Board meetings
 - Attended CUB Advisory Board meetings
 - Attended GPSA Senate
 - GPSA Monthly Budget meeting
 - Met with TaMisha Greathouse to discuss GPSA issues/concerns
 - Attended weekly GPSA office meetings
 - Presented at Fall Board of Regents meeting
 - Met with GPSA Community Affairs Committee
 - Met with Mary Jo to discuss GPSA issues/concerns
 - Hosted table at Virtual RSO fair
 - Attended Community Standards board meeting
 - Attended Faculty Senate meeting
 - Hosted GPSA Town Hall
 - Attended Athletics Council meeting
 - Attended Student Leadership Conference

Vice President's Report – Samantha Edgerton

- Tasks Completed
 - Conducted RSO Training with Chloe Campbell
 - Scheduled a second RSO Training for September 29
 - Created an agenda for Senate meeting #3
 - Facilitated Senate meeting #2
 - Finalized Senate meeting minutes and emailed to Senators
 - Finalized 20-21 Budget in preparation for upcoming Senate vote
 - Chaired second Budget Committee meeting
 - Answered GPSA inquiries
 - Reviewed and approved PCard Authorizations and ETR requests
 - Prepared for GPSA Town Hall



- Worked on Budget for Evening Childcare Program
- Meetings Attended
 - GPSA Monthly Budget meeting
 - Met with TaMisha Greathouse to discuss GPSA issues/concerns
 - Attended weekly GPSA office meetings
 - Attended SHAC meeting
 - GPSA Executive Board
 - Met with VP Mary Jo Gonzales
 - SGC Student Leader Forum on Free Speech/Civil Discourse

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Report – James Dalton

- Tasks Completed
 - Prepared for GPSA Town Hall
 - Worked on Bill of Rights
 - Created Community section on legislative Agenda
 - Worked on legislative action plan
 - Created Leg. Affairs Meeting plan
 - Sent legislative agenda to WSA and other WSU campus legislative advocates
 - Reached out to CCE regarding Cougs Vote campaign
 - Got Data regarding Graduate Student demographics and Assistantships
 - Developed plan for Covid social media video
- Meetings Attended
 - GPSA Executive Board
 - GPSA Senate
 - Met with TaMisha Greathouse from Student Involvement
 - GPSA Office Meetings
 - GPSA Legislative Affairs Committee Meetings
 - WSU Campus Legislative Liaisons Meeting
 - Cougs Vote Campaign
 - WSA legislative Liaison Meeting
 - Met with VP Mary Jo Gonzales
 - Met with GPSA President/VP about GPSA working groups
 - SGC Student leader Forum on Free Speech/Civil Discourse
 - WSU Student Veterans Task Force
 - WSU Student Veterans Task Force Subcommittee

Chair of Awards and Scholarships – Rabayet Sadnan

- Tasks Completed
 - Discussion on the revision of Dissertation Grant's form and rubrics
 - Strategic planning on launching dissertation grant
- Meetings Attended
 - 9/14 GPSA senate Meeting
 - 9/15 Exec board meeting
 - 9/22 Exec board meeting
 - 9/23 Met with TaMisha
 - 9/24 A&S committee meeting



Chair of Communications Report – Adnan Mohamed

- Attended Executive Board meetings (Sept 15, 22) and took minutes
- Worked on GPSA Monday Minutes, submitted, and approval is in progress for October 5, 2020
- Updated GPSA website
- Posted on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
- Worked with GPSA CAHNRS Senators to share GPSA work and resources with CAHNRS students
- Attended GPSA Senate Meeting (September 14) and took Senate Minutes

Temporary Chair of Community Affairs – VACANT

Chair of Internal Affairs Report – Mikala Meize

- Tasks Completed
 - Town hall prep
- Meetings Attended
 - 9/15 Exec board meeting
 - 9/22 Exec board meeting
 - 9/25 Town hall
 - 9/15 Student Involvement Administration

Chair of Programming Report – Rachel Wong

- Meetings:
 - 9/14 Senate Meeting
 - 9/14 Exec Board Meeting
 - 9/17 Restaurant Week Planning Meeting
 - 9/22 Exec Board Meeting
 - 9/23 Restaurant Week Planning Meeting
 - 9/25 Town Hall
 - 9/25 Programming Committee Meeting
- Tasks:
 - Scheduled Mindfulness Sessions 1 & 2 on Facebook
 - Set up registration pages for Mindfulness Sessions
 - Created posters for upcoming events
 - Submitted PCard requests for Mindfulness Sessions
 - Hosted Bingo Night
 - Organized prizes for Bingo Night winners

Chair of Professional Development Report – Anika VanDeen

- Tasks:
 - Set up, take down Professional Headshot Photoshoot
 - Virtual Fair for student clubs (via airmeet)
 - Writing Workshop Series
 - #MeToo Fieldwork Training
 - Speaker gift purchasing
 - Speaker contracts



- Reached out to possible panelists for a spring event
- Meetings:
 - Commission on the Status of Women
 - Weekly PDI exec Meeting (Every Wednesday)
 - 9/14 Senate Meeting
 - 9/15 Exec Board Meeting
 - 9/18 PDI committee meeting
 - 9/22 Exec Board Meeting
 - 9/23 Met with TaMisha
 - 9/25 Town Hall

Chair of Travel Grants Report – Arian Karimitar

Chair of University and Student Affairs Report – Anastasia Vishnevskaya

- **September 14-25, 2020**
 - Attended Faculty Senate Library Committee (included in the report one day prior to the meeting, the updates are TBA).
 - Research and Arts Committee meeting scheduled for Wed, 9/30. No updates yet
 - Work on filling external committees: representatives are needed for Student Media Board (1) and SHAC (1).
 - Attended the Senate meeting 9/14
 - Attended the Exec Board Meetings 9/15, 9/22
 - Town Hall 9/25
 - In communication with SESRC on obtaining the census surveys archive (the outcome is still pending).
 - Updated the Committee workspace & the semester goals outline (further progress is pending and depends on the outcome of the collaboration with SESRC).
 - Communication with the College constituents.