



**GPSA Senate Meeting Minutes**  
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**Here's the agenda:**

- 05:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Last Meeting` Minutes
    - <https://forms.office.com/r/MMqSQcqmj0>
    - Hannah Martian:** I motion to vote to approve the minutes from the 10/26/2023 meeting.
    - Jeremy Boutin:** I second.
    - Vote:** Do you approve the meeting minutes?
      - Yes:** 41
      - No:** 0
      - Abstain:** 0
    - Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the 10/26/2023 meeting minutes have been approved.
  - Approval of the Agenda
    - <https://forms.office.com/r/cbDYx7GV5e>
    - Hannah Martian:** I motion to vote to approve the minutes from the 11/06/2023



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meeting.

- Nazua Idris:** I second.
  - Niyi Ogunioya:** Why are our guest speakers from transportation and Cougar Safe Ride note here?
  - Marwa Aly:** Transportation had no new updates and Cougar Safe Ride could not attend.
  - Vote:** I approve the agenda presented for 11/06/2023 GPSA Senate Meeting.
    - Yes:** 43
    - No:** 1
    - Abstain:** 0
  - Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority and the motion carries.
- 05:35 | Guest speakers
- WSU transportation department.**
    - WSU transportation department does not have any updates to share and therefor they did not attend the meeting. Their next updates will be in January.**
  - Bookie**
    - Guest Speaker: Erin Svancara, General Manager; and Lesin Martin, Regional Manager from The Bookie
      - An innovative course material model for supporting students.
      - Barnes & Noble College is partnering with Washington State University to provide all students with required course materials at an affordable price, through the program called The Bookie.
      - Students automatically receive all their books and access to electronic materials before the first day of the class.
      - This program helps to achieve better grades by providing all the course materials and 86% of the students have responded positive outcomes from this program.
      - Steps to be followed to be benefitted from the program.
        - Step 1-Register for class
        - Step 2-Verify Materials
        - Step 3-Select Fulfillment
        - Step 4-Receive Materials
        - Step 5-Return Materials
      - Pricing: \$20 per credit. If someone is enrolled in 15 credit courses, then the total will be \$300.
      - Madison Hönig:** Can we buy a book at a discounted price at the end of the semester if we decide to keep the book from the Bookie program?
      - Erin Svancara:** Yes



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- Andrew Sutherland:** where is the cost coming from? Does this affect the student tuition?
- Erin Svancara:** Not as a tuition but as a course fee and can be seen when enrolled in a course.
- Tathagata Pal:** can we choose not to buy particular books, or do I have to buy all the course material?
- Lesin Martin:** It is all or nothing.
- Di Mu:** Does the instructor need to do something to set this system up?
- Lesin Martin:** They need to attach what is going to be needed for the students so the Bookie can provide it to the students on the first day of class.

**Cougar Safe Ride**

- The guest speaker unfortunately is sick and therefore was unable to attend. There are plans to have them speak at our senate meeting on a future date.**

Please share as many questions as possible with our guest speakers using the following form: <https://forms.office.com/r/EBg6uqh2Gz>

06:15 | New Business

- Discussion on tuition fees increase across all WSU campuses.
  - Tathagata Pal:** Discussion on the proposed tuition fee increase across all WSU campuses.
    - 90% of WSU Core Budget are Tuition and State Appropriations.
    - 81%: Undergrad students
    - 14%: Professional students
    - 5%: Graduate students
    - Legislature sets the cap for Undergraduate Resident rate increases.
    - Regents can set rates for all other categories of students without limit.
    - Proposed Changes for AY 24-25 is 3%
  - Nazua Idris:** Will the mandatory fee be increased?
  - Tathagata Pal:** No
  - Amir Hossein Moadab:** Will it affect the contract in the case of students who are in assistantship?
  - Tathagata Pal:** No, because for students in assistantship, the tuition fee is waived.
  - Madison Hönig:** Tuition waivers should cover the increase, right?
  - Tathagata Pal:** yes

GPSA Bylaws.

- Ashely Wells:** Hello everyone! This is Ashley, Internal Affairs Chair for the GPSA. So I just wanted to give everyone on an update when it comes to bylaw revisions and next steps for improving the restrictions and rules set up for our organization. Editing or adding bylaws is a very multilayered process and involves many steps. To start off, The GPSA Executive Board will have an internal Bylaw revision meeting on November 17th. Once that is done, I will be scheduling a meeting with my internal affairs committee so that we can to come together and



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discuss all of the submitted revisions. And this will likely happen in early January. It will be up to the internal affairs committee to actually vote on these revisions and then present the finalized draft to the senate likely in late January/early February. Beginning from today, I want you all to know that senators are more than welcome, and even encouraged to lend their voice when it comes to these revisions. If you have read through the bylaws and notice that something seems off to you or you feel as though something can be strengthened, please do reach out to your committee head on the executive board and filter that information to them. They will then send that information over to me that way everything stays organized. I will drop the link to the bylaws in the chat that way you can all feel free to look them over (if you wish) so that you can make your comments. We want everyone to have the opportunity to feel included in this process. If anyone has any questions or concerns about anything to do with the bylaws or these upcoming revisions, please feel free to send me an email at the address that I will also add to the chat. Does anyone have any questions about any of this?

- Link to the Bylaws: <https://www.gpsa.wsu.edu/about-gpsa/governing-documents/bylaws/>
- Internal Affairs Chair Email (Ashley): [gpsa.internal@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.internal@wsu.edu)

### GPSA Fundraising

#### **Ajay Barman:** Discussion on GPSA Fundraising.

##### Voting Result

- RSO: 11
- Childcare: 6
- Travel Grant: 28

- So GPSA's fundraising will focus on providing more funding for the travel grant.
- GPSA is looking for one chair for the fundraising committee by Nov 20.
- Self-nomination or nominate someone within Nov 13, 2023, 11:59 PM.
- It is a voluntary position and will not be paid.
- **Arpita Sinha:** I have 2 questions since you mentioned about the risk-taking factor of it, and we are about to start the nomination. And there are a couple of other things kept in mind like logistics. How much investment and everything. So, are we expecting to get another email, or like, you know, what kind of an investment? A little bit of more details? Or have we already got it, and I'm somehow missing out. So, we have a little bit of more information before people are not just me, but people before they're applying for that. And the second question is, whoever is selected as the chair, would that person be working as a co-chair with the executive committees? Precisely. You or someone else in mind. How would that work?
- **Ajay Barman:** so, as I mentioned at the beginning that the historical knowledge about how to organize this kind of fundraising. Even within GPSA. We do not have that information right now, but I am in touch with our Avc. Assistant Vice Chancellors, one of the Assistant Vice Chancellor Kim Holapa. She is she's the expert in terms of like organizing fundraising events. So, she's guiding us and helping us with every step and also our advisor man. Sure. So, he is also guiding us for navigating. Oh, maybe getting the fundraising event. So right now, what we are planning to



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organize like this kind of dinner event. Approximately, we might need to invest like at least \$3,000 like setting up a dinner event in the in the senior boardroom or anywhere in the Cub area. So, yeah, and it is a risk-taking practice, that we are investing \$3,000. Are we able to get \$3,000 or more than that from that event or not? But my perception is, if we put that much effort, even if we fail, the knowledge we will gain, maybe we can pass that knowledge to our future GPSA Leaders, and they can work they can improve. Upon our planning. and one thing that we are thinking right now. At the end of the academic year the unused money. We always return that to the S&A community and, Marwa correct me if I'm wrong, or today, we this year we promise to give them back \$50,000.

- **Marwa Aly:** Yes, and we don't. Yeah, so, for the next year, we promise, like, we will return them \$50,000. So next year we didn't get for next year. So, what's the promised amount? Is it 50? What happens is that through this and a request the like, we do the request, I think, in April. So in April we still have the money, and we tell them how much we want for the for the following year. and how much we expect to return it from the current year budget, you know, until now we didn't make this promise because we didn't request the fund for next year. But what we did was for last year and the year before, and we were. We returned it. What we expected, you know, and what they expect, because they always use the expectations to like to make the fund for the formal gears. Yes.
- **Ajay Barman:** So yeah, like for the. So, if we able to return 50,000 returning 47,000 won't make a significant difference to the S&A Committee as a poll, but the good thing will be the amount of money we will receive through fundraising that money will stay with GPS unless until we are like spending the money. So as in our executive board within our send it as a full if we come up with a plan that what budget hit would be the best to spend for the fundraising event. I think that's the discussion that need to be decided during our like Senate meeting.
- **Marwa Aly:** Yeah, I have something to add. So since is the cost for this fundraising is a trophy grant. So I think the most appropriate people to reach out who are the people that students are going for with them, for internships, conferences. And this is stuff. So please please share the word this with your constituents and ask them to share the words with their Co. With the companies, the industries, everyone that they know because at the end this all will come to the students again and give them the opportunity to go to more conferences, internships, and visual stuff.
- **Ajay Barman:** So yeah, it's like, under the good faith, like the in the past, who received and who benefited from the GPS a travel grant money, and if there in a qualified position somewhere. so in a good fit. We can expect some amount of donation from them. So that's the whole and to say, good work.
- **Jeremy Boutin:** I just had a quick comment just to clarify cause I know you keep saying fundraising event and then fundraising dinner. So the person who is nominated to chair this committee? Is it set in stone that the fundraising event is going to be a fundraising dinner, or is that still to be determined with the so, for instance, like if they decide to, instead of



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planning a dinner, some other some other type of fundraising event. That's I just wanted to clarify that before people start signing up.

- **Ajay Barman:** Yeah. Thank you, Jeremy, for the question. Yes, it's not finalized yet that we will be hosting a dinner. It's just an idea. And Marwa, can we go back to the previous slide? So, as we can see, we are planning like mid-February 2,024. It might be fundraising dinner or anything other, but the timing is crucial, because what we learn, what, what information we gathered right now. After the mid-February, everyone will be too much busy with their semester, and so it's better to organize it before February.
- **Arpita Sinha:** I just have another follow up question. So this is for the chair of the committee right? So there will be another process for figuring out an entire team right like that would be another process.
- **Ajay Barman:** So yeah, like, right now, we are looking for the chair. And as I mentioned, like me personally, do not have the experience. So right now we are looking for among our Senator. Booting is the most qualified for the position. If there is someone who already have experience. They are passionate about it. We love. We will love to hear from them. Right now, whatever the information we have here, that is like all gathered from the summer up until now and we will select the chair by November twentieth, and after that, how many volunteer, or how many committee member should be in the Fundraising Special Committee will be decided. So that's so how we how we will go for selecting the members. It's not decided yet, but I think a few people like few motivated and dedicated people, would be sufficient. Instead of having, like too many people planning this event.
- **Hannah Martian:** You might speak with ASWSU because every year they have the diversity, equity, and inclusion banquet for the conferences, and I know they did really well this year, and they've been doing that for like 25 years, so they might have some info for you.
- **Ajay Barman:** So, thank you. Thank you for this addition. And we are so they are the main source of information. And I'm like in touch with them and they usually organize the fundraising dinner. So that's why that was like my idea. We will follow their food still. But if someone came up with like even better idea like we are open for new ideas. And I have one thing one other thing to mention. All the application will go toward our vice president legislative affair chair Pal and our award in scholarship chair Amir. So they volunteered to be the reviewer for all the application, under the supervision of our advisor.

Volunteers for Pullman Community Food Drive.

**Madison: Hönig:** Collecting food donations around Pullman to stock up on food for the food pantry since it will be closed during the break. Volunteers are needed For Nov. 16-17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be assigned a route around Pullman to collect food, which will then be donated to the cougar food pantry. There are a variety of volunteer slots. They need a lot of volunteers to distribute flyers and then collect donations (2 hour time commitment). Sign up to volunteer here:  
<https://forms.gle/ZtA2RyC9HkDah4Bk8>

Email Katherine with any questions: [katherine.l.smith@wsu.edu](mailto:katherine.l.smith@wsu.edu)

**Destiny Brokaw:** would it be possible? I looked at the form and it asked for WSU



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Affiliation. If people say from my church want to help, are they able to do it? If they're like alumni, or even went to U of I.

- Madison Hönig:** I'm not sure. Let me ask with my Co. Organizers if they can't physically like volunteer for it. It would be great to just let them know that we'll be coming potentially to their houses. To, you know. Gather cans. I can give you the flyer with the list of food items if that would be helpful to share with your community members.



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- Spring Senate Meetings.
- **Marwa Aly:** Our next item Spring Senate meetings. So, the hope was to have scheduled all the Senate meetings in the spring at person. But unfortunately, February 5th, and April 1st the room was occupied. There is no other room to reserve. So that's why we will have all the meetings in person, except for February 5th, and April 1st. What we will do in this meeting still accommodate the dinner, that we will have cougar card applied for all the Senators, and you can pick the call your card at noon at the same Senate date, and then you can go to any WSU vendor and the card will be eligible to be used for the same day. So, if it's for January 8th, so it's only for January 8th. January 9, you won't be able to use it and how we will be, how we will like check your presence, so they will have that your information, and if you attend the meeting, then GPSA will pay for you. If you want to attend the meeting, then you will be charged for what you have. Does that make sense? So, we will go with this process because we need to have more in-person meetings to be successful and have effective meetings and also we need to save some money. Yeah, any questions? So to schedule the meetings in person or online, we don't need to vote. Yeah, we don't need to vote to get to schedule. The meetings in person or online meetings were before the pandemic. All in person with the online option for senators out of Pullman, but because of the pandemic people went to go through online. That's why we still have online option because some kind of sensitivity and some kind of budget limitation. But now we need to go back as everything go back to normal, GPSA will go back to normal. That's why the meetings will be scheduled in person again, except for these 2 highlighted meetings. Yes, nay.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** There are a couple of questions in the meeting chart, and that would, I think, be perfect to answer as they touch on several concerns of most of the Senators, for instance, somebody said, online, meeting without dinner since cheaper. Like, if we're going to be online, like people using their Internet and stuff like that is lot cheaper. I think I concur to that. And for many reasons, like somebody had to ask like, why do we need to be to be in person every time if we can actually do it online and intermittently have in person meetings, I mean, on stuff like that. I think you want to check you want to check the meeting chart and see a couple of questions that that actually acts into the concerns of a whole lot of senators that are seated here. Thank you.
- **Marwa Aly:** Thank you so much. So I read the chat. I don't know if you can see that I over the chat right now or not. But and okay, let me organize that again. When you assign or apply it to GPSA Senator/representative for your school, you know that the meeting will be scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 every other Monday and for meetings to be effective, to be successful, it's better to schedule the meetings in person. That's why we want to go to the normal life. We want to have effective and strong senate meetings. The meetings will still like, even if it's in person, we still have the online option for the Senators out of Pullman plus the Senators with excuses. Which means that if a Senator, she is a mom and she has to take care of her kids, but she will be in the meeting. She will be involved. She will respond to all the forms. She will ask you questions, you know she will spread the words between her cannot connect after the meeting. So, this is an excuse. You know what I mean. If someone has to attend the conference, but they have an opportunity to join online. So this is an execute. So, the meeting will be in person plus online options for senators who are out of Pullman or senators who have excuses. Does that make sense?





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- **Suhina Deol:** So, I think my big point is this, like, since, like, we are all senators, right? Like, I feel like we're kind of a team. So, while of course, like the Board, can make decisions, I just don't understand why we couldn't have a vote and discussion on this. Because, you know, you're saying that it's better, but you know how like I think we're right. Now. You're just telling us it's better. But like, how is it really better? I mean, I don't know that. And then, also having it be in person. That's also spending more of our resources. Why does dinner need to be provided for us. We could just use that for the travel grants or other things that we're more interested in. So, it's just something big, right? Like, you're just kind of telling us. When I think a lot of other things, we're not just being told. We're kind of working together and I don't know if everyone really agrees on moving forward with this, and I think it's fine if the majority do agree, but I just don't see the point in being pull this when. And it's better since we've been doing this. And it's working just fine. Anyways, I just I would just like to discuss more about it.
- **Marwa Aly:** I hear you and I would say that it's in our bylaws that there will be meetings, you know. But again, the meetings transfer it from in person to online because of the pandemic. So, you know.
- **Suhina Deol:** But did the bylaws say it has to be in person? And just because something happened before in a certain way. why does that have to continue? Before, women didn't have rights like, do we need to go back to that, you know I don't. That's not a justification. That's not a real reasoning, just because it happened prior to the pandemic.
- **Marwa Aly:** So, Ajay, I will give you the floor. But let me clarify that we still have online meetings. So, we have 2 meetings on line and 4 meetings in person. So, we still have the option of online meetings involved in the impersonal meeting. But in the spring, we go more for the in-person meetings. This is what I would like to discuss. Again, it's not that I tell you that we will do that. I don't know how to explain that.
- **Suhina Deol:** But then, was there a vote? Because, if like, if we didn't, then you are telling us.
- **Marwa Aly:** We can have a discussion it's not something that we can vote on. You know.
- **Ajay Barman:** Hi, everyone. Like, thank you for sharing the perspective. And I think, in our Bylaws the Executive board like the but through the majority both the Executive Board can decide the location of the meeting. If there is any changes, but our bylaw doesn't save either it's in person or is it online? It only says the Executive Board through the majority voting. They can decide where the meeting will be and of course we can have the voting in our in our executive board meetings, and we do want to hear from the Senator and the different perspective from the Senator. So that when Executive Board member will vote they can have like a holistic idea about how our Senators are feeling. and if we see the dates for the for the next semester usually our first Senate meeting, and first and last Senate meeting is always in person. and we have 2 online meeting. So, I think right now, we have to decide the 2 meetings on March Fourth and March eighteenth. They should be either like online or in person. I think those 2 are the main like main point to debate that we can discuss during our we can discuss now, and if required, we can have vote during our Executive Board meeting.
- **Ashley Wells:** I'm just speaking here as internal affairs chair. And again, for everyone who is curious or confused or concerned. I am going to drop the portion of our bylaws that does discuss about what should happen when it comes to meeting. So yeah, like Ajay was saying it is up to the Executive Board to make a vote to come to this decision, and, as Ajay was saying, the Executive Board did not have a vote on this yet, so I do think that as an



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executive board with the understanding and the comments from the Senators. So, we should come together and have an official vote on this before we make anything official regarding if we want all of our meetings in person, all not in person, half and half, but I also just want to say that I really do respect and commend all of the senators here who use their voice and express concerns. Because I think that that's important. And what we're about. So yeah, just wanted to say those things in that regard.

- **Suhina Deol:** I mean, I like whether depending on like what consensus you guys come to. But again, I think if we actually had like a decision, and the Board decides to look at how the majority of Senators feel because, again, if you don't take a vote of how the majority of us feels before you vote, you don't know how we feel. You don't know how the majority of us feel. I don't know how the majority of us feel, because I haven't taken a vote, but I think that's it is your decision right now, but I mean, we can still ask to change the bylaws. I just don't understand how this can be done without this, like without a consensus of the Senators. Because we are, we are part of this as a whole. This is, I mean, this is just crazy that we're being told that this is how it's going to be and again, I'm totally fine going in person, if that's what the majority of us decide, but I just cannot believe that we are not taking a vote. And we're being told like, we're not children, right? And you're not our boss's. Who's dictating this. This is this is a thing. So, this needs to be decided as a group.
- **Marwa Aly:** It's not like that. And today we discuss these meetings again. This is for discussion and Ashley shared before early in the meeting, that if you have any comment on the bylaws, she is more than welcome with her committee to take care of this right. And if we can see that this is like something needs to be revised in the by-laws, so, the committee need to know about it and try to change that. Right?
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud:** Hi, so I was typing my comments. I think just my comment on this whole situation is, as Ajay said, that the first and the last meetings are usually in person, and I mean that is a very good thing and I see I'm seeing that there in total 6 meetings. So, if we go on usual procedure, so the first and last would be in person, and the rest of the 4 would be online. However, I was thinking to reduce all the complications and everything. We can just have one in person, meeting in the middle of the semester. So, in that case we'll meet each other in the beginning of the semester in the middle of the semester, and at the end of the semester. Hence the in person and the online meeting would be 50/50, and I mean that is, to my understanding, is the simplest thing to consider. Thank you.
- **Ashley Wells:** Yeah, I just wanted to make a final point, because again, I think that this is important for us to discuss and this is why I really want all Senators here to please actually go through the bylaws and read through it on your own time, because I want to make sure that we don't continue to have these misunderstandings and these thoughts about how some rules and dictations and the bylaws aren't fair. I'll be honest on a very, very personal point. I agree I don't love this bylaw, and I'm excited to probably go ahead and be able to try to look into how we can revise it a little bit and make it a bit more clear and make it a bit more efficient, so that everyone feels more included in all GPSA processes. So unfortunately, right now, this by law is the way that it is we do need to follow up for the time being. But this is exactly why I want to get these revisions out as soon as possible and that way we can kind of just move forward in a more efficient manner. So I hope that that makes sense to everyone.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** Just a quick reaction and clarification, so to speak, that in organizations, associations, and in all human societies there are laws, yes, accepted. But as events changes and the development of our understanding, and the expansion of our knowledge,



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and the dynamics of human society, and all of those all those laws. Would be subjected to reviews, even if they are by laws, and those I mean. That was the same point I made in a last meeting bylaws. We made the laws to guide us, and when we think that things are changing for us, I mean, it's an owner on horse again, as a people to adjust the law so they can fit into the dynamics of the situation. And so, if most of the people, if the majority of senators on the floor as it stands wants to be online, then we adjust the law. We go to the law, adjust the law to suit our situation. We are not meant for the law. Rather we made the law to guide us in what we do. So genuine ladies and everyone. We cannot be boxed into those laws; we have the right to adjust the law to fit into the dynamics of the situation. And that's my point.

- **Madison Hönig:** I think that this this has been a really good discussion. I would like to reiterate that no vote or decision has been made, at least on the executive level. So I would like to suggest to all of our Senators is that if you have any specific concerns about how you would like our meetings to function, I think that you should direct those to your share your heads of your committees. I think, like I think we recognize that some of the bylaws are not really working for modern circumstances. I appreciated, what Niyi said. As an anthropologist, we can talk about human universals all day. But I do want to say that, you know, when the bylaws are put in place, we have to follow them until they get changed. So, it does seem like they are a little bit vague in the sense in terms of if we need to do online or in person, so we can interpret them as we see fit. But I really would like to streamline these concerns, so that, like I, as an executive, can represent how my senators feel. And then, you know, inform my own vote as to how these proceeds. But I think like if there's any other concerns, maybe we can have them directed to the executives. And you know, I am fully in favor of reconsidering this motion and perhaps getting a more widespread view from our senators before we make any decisions. Does that sound okay to everyone?
- **Marwa Aly:** Thank you, Madison, so I will follow up with what Madison mentioned. So please, if you have any concerns, share with your committee share, and in the executive meeting they should every committee chair should come with the decisions or the concerns that they senators have, and then that when we come to the whole thing, they should represent their committee.
- **Arpita Sinha:** I'm just putting out my thoughts in here. There is nothing again, just to make sure that you know I'm not suggesting anything just to put it out there out loud. Since we are encouraged to share about our concerns, are we looking at only if we have concern? Or are we looking at receiving a link, and then like go ahead with unanimously voting? What are we going to be doing?
- **Marwa Aly:** Sharing your concerns with your committee chair because at the end the committee chairs will make the voting.
- **Ashley Wells:** I'm going to once again drop the link to the bylaws, please everyone, copy that link, save it, look through it, and then, yes, please do share the your information your commons concerns to your committee.
  - Link to the Bylaws: <https://www.gpsa.wsu.edu/about-gpsa/governing-documents/bylaws/>
- **Amir Hossein Moadab:** It's still a bit of vague for me that let's say I have 8 in my committee, and they share their opinions with me, and we go to Executive Board how this voting works. So, if I, if I just mentioned their concerns, and the voting is between executive board members. So, I'm trying to find the mechanism to be more democratic. And



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I mean should I say, let's say, should I say no to going to in person meeting? If let's say, majority of my community members say no to it. How does it work?

- **Ashley Wells:** So, there's 2 things. So first when it comes to the in person versus not in person meeting. This is a vote right now until the bylaws are changed that needs to happen within the Executive Board. That is just the way it is right now. So, for that particular issue, please go to your committee head. Let them know how you feel. Let them know your concerns, and then as an executive board, we are going to vote with your concerns in mind, however, the bylaws are a little bit different because we are going to be changing the bylaws. So, if you go into the bylaws and you see any issues, anything that you really feel strongly about wanting to get changed again. Go to your committee head. And then from there the Executive Board's Going to talk about it and then the Internal Affairs committee specifically, is going to vote on the bylaws and then present it in a Senate meeting next semester. I know that's a lot. But does that make sense. There are 2 different things that we're kind of talking about.
- **Marwa Aly:** Yes, it will be for March Fourth and March eighteenth, because first and last meetings should meetings should be in person because of the events that happen at these meetings and then we have the February fifth and the April first. Both are online. So, we have only 2 meetings to vote on, whether to be in person or online.
- **Ajay Barman:** GPSA is a democratic place, and it always will be. We are all here to represent everyone and not to be a dictator. So, to want to hear from you, and we do want to reflect what we as a team want to go to go forward. So, if you feel so, we are sorry that it came out as we are telling you that we decided this one. But it was more of a discussion and thank you everyone for your input and our decision will definitely reflect what we as a team are wanting.

- GPSA committee meetings and expectations.

- **Marwa Aly:** GPSA senator committees are mandatory. If a senator does not fulfil their duties, it will affect their scholarship. If a senator cannot attend a meeting, they must let the chair know.

- Sponsorship request from the Indian Association.

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- **Hannah Martian:** I motion to vote of the sponsorship request from the Indian Student Association of \$1000.
- **Jeremy Boutin:** Second.
- **Elakkiya Saravanan:** My name is Elakkiya Saravanan. I am the secretary of the Indian Student Association (ISA), and I am presenting to day to request fundings from GPSA. For our biggest event of the year India night. So Indian Student Association is one of the largest RSO's on campus and we are dedicated to fostering cultural awareness and celebration of the Indian heritage and promoting our Ca, our culture across campus and the Pullman community. Some of the past events that we've had are movie nights, smoking trips, end of semester parties. and more. This is ISAs annual budget. As you can see, it's expected to be around 25,000 this year. and some of the events that are included are movie nights, monthly meet ups, competitive events, Indiana, night and holy celebration. Some of our major costs are included in the annual budget are venue rentals, food and beverages,



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consumables and competition prizes some of our major revenue sources or sales, events and sponsorships, including GPSA. Crimson and Gray and Rita. And ticket sales. Indiana is one of our biggest events that we host this year, and it celebrates Diwali, an Indian festival of lights. It's just to promote the Indian culture and share it to the rest of the Pullman community. The date that we're holding it this year is on November eleventh. from 4 to 9 PM. At the Gladdish, and we're charging WC. Students. \$14 and general admission tickets are \$18. Some of the event activities are Indian cuisine, dancing, singing, entertainment, and more and we expect about 500 people to be impacted. These are some pictures of our past events, and this is the budget breakdown for Indian night, and we expect about 16,000 in expenditure and this is our Indian night flier.

- Hannah Martian:** I am just wondering if you have any other sources of funding, such as ASWSU, crimson and gray foundation or fund or any other outside groups.
- Elakkiya Saravanan:** Yeah. So as of now, we have one from crimson and gray and some other sources.
- Vote:** Do you vote for sponsorship the Indian Association's event with \$1000?
  - Yes:** 31
  - No:** 8
  - Abstain:** 3
- Marwa Aly: The motion passed and congratulations to the Indian Association for their \$1000.
- 07:20 | 10-min Open discussion
  - **Madison Honig:** Reminded to vote for the strike authorization from WSU CASE. Voting closes today at midnight. Suhina added that the vote is not because there is a plan to go on strike but just to get the authorization if it is needed.
  - **Tathagata Pal:** Mentioned that GPSA is ordering name tags for all senators and reminded that senators should provide their preferred pronouns if they want it to be added.
  - **Ajay Barman:** Addressed a question he received by direct message. The chair for the special fundraising chair is a voluntary position and will not have any monetary compensation. All senators included the executive chairs are eligible to apply.
- 07:30 | Adjournment