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- 5:30 | Call to Order
 - Approval of Senate Meeting #13 Minutes
 - Approved 5:32
 - Approval of the Senate Meeting #14 Agenda
 - Approved 5:33
- 5:31 | Important Dates & Announcements
 - Recap from Showcase!
 - Great event.
 - SHARC
 - The event went very well, awesome job.
 - GPSA Programming
 - Recap from GPSA Soccer Tournament
 - April 4, 10:30 am - 5:00 pm at Valley Roads Playfields
 - Prizes for first and second place teams
 - GPSA Excellence Awards
 - April 10, please RSVP if you received an invite (space is limited to invitation list and +1s)
 - PDI Events
 - **Doing Double Duty: Student Learning Outcomes as a Tool to Inform Teaching Practices and Assess Student Learning** by Dr. Donelle Posey, Clinical Associate Professor
 - April 10, 10:00 am -12:00pm
 - LAST PDI EVENT OF THE YEAR!
 - GPSA Census Survey
 - Available now:
https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7Vxuhasix4ZQdaR
 - \$1,000 worth of prizes including 55" 4K TV
 - Be sure to complete prize drawing portion
 - Please spread the word
 - For questions, contact gpsa.university@wsu.edu
 - To be in the drawing you need to take the survey by April 28th.
- 5:35 - 5:45 | Guest Speaker
 - Sally Makamson, Student Insurance, and Privacy Specialist
 - Potential changes to graduate and international student health insurance plans
 - Changes are potentially coming for Student Insurance:



- In order to be eligible:
 - Graduate students on assistantships
 - International Students on an F1 or J1 visa.
- Paid claims were higher in 2018-2019 than in the past.
 - Costs for the insurance will likely go up.
 - Potential ways to keep the costs down:
 - Go with choice plus PPO plan.
 - Higher Deductible.
 - The current deductible is very affordable.
 - Increase Copays and Co-insurance.
- Deadlines that are approaching for alterations in the student insurance plan:
 - Make recommendations to upper administration at WSU.
 - Discuss and give feedback to the broker this week.
 - United Healthcare Student Resources application is due.
- More information is available on the United Health Care, accessible through cougar health.
 - You can use this website to find in-network providers in order to keep the cost down in the future.
 - By keeping the health care in-network
- Sallys Contact information: 509-335-5834
- smakamson@wsu.edu

- 5:45 - 6:00 | Dialogue with Sally Makamson
 - Question: Will an increased deductible change the percent that is covered?
 - The percentage that is covered will likely not change.
 - Question: What is the upper limit to the deductible?
 - The highest amount an individual will have to pay is \$650, there is no upper limit on the amount that the insurance will provide.
 - Question: Cougar Health uses the Pullman Regional Hospital for X-Rays and they are very expensive, what are they doing about this?
 - They are actively trying to solve this problem, although Cougar Health is not getting radiology equipment at this time.
 - Question: Coverage dates for student insurance?
 - Some individuals are having issues with being registered through the provider around the first of the year.
 - Question: ER Visit coverage?
 - \$200 copay when you go to the emergency room, \$500 deductible, they have discussed decreasing the copay but this is an expensive process.



- If it is not an emergency, do not go to the ER. If they determine that this is not an emergency the insurance will try not to pay it in its entirety.
- Question: What ways can we increase education regarding insurance in graduate students?
 - Possibly incorporating the insurance information into a PDI event.
- Question: How will approval for referral to specialists occur in the future?
 - There is no referral requirement currently and the updated policy will hopefully not require it.
- Question: Deadlines on when decisions will be made?
 - April → Submitting the proposal to the budget office.
 - June → Approval of the budget
- Question: How will psych visits be changed in the future?
 - They are going to look into removing the limit for graduate student usage of the psych clinic.

- 6:00 - 6:05 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds

- 6:10 - 6:20 | Open Floor
 - General concerns:
 - Senators don't use the power as much as a collective body as much as we could. We have a large voice if we move together.
 - Noted.
 - Items from the gallery
 - None were presented.
- 6:20 - 6:40 | Old Business
 - S&A Funding Request Update
 - Waiting on final allocation memo, but good news!
 - GPSA got their full ask for funding (\$576,690).
 - We need to be adamant as to how we are using our student fees.
 - WNAGPS Conference Recap
 - Updates and new leadership
 - The WSU GPSA is very prominent on the national level.
 - Our two new directors for the NAGPS:
 - Director of Outreach: Andrew Gillreath-Brown.
 - Director of Employment Concerns: Ehdieh Khaledian
 - Spring to Congress 2019



- Opportunity for students to call Congress about important higher ed priorities through the end of the semester.
 - The higher education act of 1965 is up for update, we need to provide our input.
- Look for fliers and encourage others
 - The better the information that they get the more likely that they will make a more informed decision.
- Contact Josh Monroe for more information regarding contacting your representative. (gpsavpla@wsu.edu) .
- RSO Funding and GPSA Affiliate Funding
 - Applications close **April 17**
 - Decisions presented to senate April 22
 - Affiliate RSO Form: <https://orgsync.com/39017/forms/359220>
 - RSO Funding Form: <https://orgsync.com/39017/forms/359228>
 - Additional Questions?
- Spring 2019 R&E Center Meeting
 - April 26 at the Wenatchee R&E Center
 - Coincides with 100th anniversary Washington State Apple Blossom Festival
 - More student funding is available.
 - Day of tour and meet & greet with R&E students
 - Evening events at carnival, breweries, or restaurants
 - AMS attendance available
 - Email vpgpsa@wsu.edu if interested in going
- GPSA Special Elections for College Representatives/Directors
 - Applications closed April 5
 - Review process overview
 - Next meeting we will approve the nominees for special elections.
- 6:30 - 7:15 | New Business
 - R&E Center Senate Representation
 - Please see [proposed bylaw changes with text of motion](#) and [presentation slides](#)
 - Individuals at R&E campuses have unique challenges and need to be represented.
 - Proposal would be changing the definition of a department to more of academic unit.
 - There will be very little changes in the actual formatting of the senate demographics.



- This will allow for groups that feel underrepresented to be able to petition for a senate seat.
 - The R&E campuses will have one guaranteed senator to represent these campuses.
 - The goal is to create a lasting connection through the R&E centers.
 - All changes regarding appointing new senators will have to be passed through the internal affairs committee.
 - There will likely be no changes to the budget due to the number of unfilled senate seats in the future.
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- Comments/Questions and Concerns
 - General recommendation has been to focus on selecting an appointee for the R&E.
 - More information on this change and the way that it will effect the distribution of campus representatives within GPSA.
 - Announcement of Excellence Award Winners
 - Announcement of Research Expo Winners
 - Announcement of Senator of the Year Award Winners
 - Preview for Last Senate Meeting
 - Gavel Ceremony
 - Special Elections Confirmation
 - Approval of RSO Funding (above \$1000)
 - Approval of 2019-2020 budget allocations
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- 7:30 | Adjournment