For in person meeting:

The CUB, 2nd floor, the junior ballroom.

To join via Zoom:

https://wsu.zoom.us/j/94065113065?pwd=SGJRD1N4ZGsyMkhtRmhpcXlaMmlZdz09

GPSA Senate Absence Request Form:

Senate Absence Form

https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6tkhbiSP0TNxc8J

- **5:30 | Call to Order**
  - Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes Senate Orientation
    
    Approved as written
  
  - Approval of the Senate Minute #1 Agenda
    
    Approved as written

- **5:40 | The budget**
  - GPSA Budget: Brief Introduction
    
    Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 (pending senate approval) (total)- $585,050
    
    Operations 6210-0101 (total)- $202,827
    
    Executive Board 6601-0104 (total)- $2,450
    
    Advertising/Communications 6601-0103 (total)- $3,500
    
    Professional Development Fund 6601-0102 (total)- $30,000
    
    Programming 6601-0105 (total)- $18,000
    
    Internal Affairs 6601-0107 (total)- $1,750
    
    Budget & Financial 6601-0108 (total)- $114,050
    
    Scholarships 6601-0109 (total)- $45,000
Legislative Affairs 6601-0110 (total)- $14,000

Travel & Registration Grants 6601-0302 (total)- $80,727

University Affairs 6601-0112 (total)- $2,000

Development 17A 6601-3133 (total)- $585,050

- Proposal for the agreeing with approve the budget in the later senate meeting.

- Approval of the budget to be discussion in the next meeting

- Present RSOs budget to approve.

1. Society of Women Engineers, Washington State University, Graduate Society of Women Engineers.
   
   Welcome Event- $335

   Fall Retreat- $185

   Workshop LinkedIn- $350

   Speaker Series- $240

   Networking Events- $430

   Spring Potluck- $150

   Panel Discussion- $350

   Monthly Meeting- $270

   Total- $2,310

- The total as listed is requested from GPSA.
- Approval of RSO Budget for Graduate Society of Women Engineers.

2. Communications Graduate Students Associations COMMGRAD

- The graduate students in the Edward R. Murrow College of Communications

- Members consistently express their appreciation and approval for events as COMMGRAD

- Received $2000 form GPSA

- Expected Expense
Welcome BBQ- $450
End of Year Celebration- $600
Bowling Event- $275
Scavenger Hunt- $200
Grant writing workshop- $200
Total- $1725

- Service during Covid
- Opportunity to develop more organizational related materials like t-shirts, water bottles etc.
- Develop new care-packages.
- Approval of RSO Budget for COMMGRAD

3. CAMARADAS

- Endeavors to increase awareness of issues pertaining to the Chicana/o Latina/o populations

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- Approval of RSO Budget for CAMARADAS

4. WSU CEEGSA: Civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Student Association

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CV/Resume Writing Workshop | Refreshment, Speaker expenses (120+200) | 320
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Online games/meetings | T-shirt/swag (180) | 150
Monthly Meetings | Refreshment (370) | 370
Professional Networking events | Refreshment etc. (230+150) | 380
Sporting Events | Refreshment (130) | 130
New Year Potluck | Beverage, Ferdinand’s Ice-cream (25+50) | 75
Ski Trip | Shuttle/bus services (250) | 250
Hike/Picnic | Refreshment (180) | 180
Total | | 2450

- RSO budget NOT APPROVED.
- 6:00 | **New Business**

The Legislative Agenda

- Affordable Housing for students and families
- Accessible healthcare in the community
- Address food insecurity and the continued access to food pantry in the community
- Urges to address mental health issues
- Fund the libraries and preserve access to research material
- Equitable minimum stipend for all graduate students
- Supports to improve healthcare insurances
- Fully support regardless of identity and background
- Supports continued expansion of access to state financial aid
- Childcare services to students
- Student healthcare to graduate dependents
- Expand Graduate student representation
- Survey to assess state-wide barrier for basic needs
- Federal Government to acknowledge to education-related legislation
- Lower the cost of financial aid
- To improve the current standard of life
- Opposes taxing tuition waivers as income
- International students be given multiple entry and of a duration the student’s educational program
- Ensure open public access to research funded through taxpayer dollars
- Graduate student mentors through federal funding agencies

Question

- Do we have results from previous Legislatives?

Yes. Will be discussed further in future senate meeting.
- Approval of the legislative agenda

Confirmation of Senators Selected from the Special Election

See list of nominees

Executive Board Reports: What were we all doing over summer?

Approve the proposal for the in person and online attendance

- **6:30 | Guest Speaker**

  Dr. Lisa Gloss, Dean of the Graduate School

  - Brief introduction: Dr. Lisa Gloss joined the WSU School of Molecular Biosciences faculty in 1998. Her research focused on protein folding and macromolecular assembly.
  - Started as an Associate Dean in late 2014.
  - Interim Dean in August 2017
  - Dean of the Graduate School in January 2019-Present.
  - Refer more information. [https://gradschool.wsu.edu/](https://gradschool.wsu.edu/)
  - Follow Covid-19 Protocols
  - Reach out to her with concerns
  - Service for the students, the faculty and graduate program, college and institution as a whole.
  - Oversights to ensure that standard and best practices of graduate education are known and implemented.
  - Advocacy on campus, nationally and globally.
  - Evening of Excellence- number of scholarship available for graduate students usually for the senior ones passing prelims and have the status of ABD.
  - Advocate for yourself and check the website regularly.
  - Ads are usually out end of Dec/Jan and due date for application Mid Spring semester.
  - Pass on the word to your departments to all Senators
  - Fellowship Workshop- contact info [lmgloss@wsu.edu](mailto:lmgloss@wsu.edu). Critical feed for making application better

- **6:50-7:00 | Dialogue with Dean Gloss**

  - Can the graduate school provide students the choice of opting out of Graduate Student Health Plan? Some students have access to family plans through their employer with better coverage therefore to pay a health fee of $240 a semester is an unnecessary expense with low coverage students cannot be dependent on the graduate school insurance and need different options.

  A. The insurance is free to those with assistantship. There is no real reason to opt out. Extra insurance is always useful unless the other forbids you from using the
second one. The students who are not on assistantship must buy the insurance and hence there is an opt-out option for them. The $244 health fee is separate and Pullman students must pay that amount to be able to access the Pullman centric health services. This is a university mandated fee (telehealth etc.) You can’t opt out of mandated fee. To push that you might have to talk to the Budget and Fees Committee. Use the GPSA voice to advocate for maintaining the coverage. Improving is not likely but at least hold on to what we have and not let it increase.

- The Graduate School continues to flip on how it categorizes graduate students or employees. When representation of pay and insurance we are students so we are not able to sign for the same insurance and retirement benefits that other WSU employees are entitled to however when we had to declare our Covid 19 vaccination status we were considered employee by the university.

A. You are both. GPSA and Graduate school must work together to make sure that you are protected. The State Legislature said no the proposal of putting the students under the same insurance as the employee. Another issue is that the legislature requires more than 0.5 FTEs and the assistance is on the line as it is 0.5 FTE. For attestation you must apply to Cougar Health Services as student and test through Workday as an employee. They are updating the system for more transparency.

- Massive delays in GA tuition costs and medical hardships for many students, why does WSU drag these fees every semester? Is there no accountability for the process? student lives are being traumatized by the inability of the clerical workers jobs.

A. The problem is not the clerical work but the computers. First the citizenship needs to be processed then a separate process to add the waiver on top of it. It was hands on but very simple after checking out few questions. Now a lot is automated. Then Workday happened. The system could not accept that. Working on getting this fixed. If you have problem, contact gs.finance@wsu.edu

- Many teaching assistants feels that the safety of their lives has not been considered with school’s COVID-19 policy. With news breakthrough cases of Delta variation, September 10th is the deadline but in the meantime school hosted big events. What was the consideration of the safety of the graduate assistants and teaching assistants with Delta variant being a concern? Other question, the business where the cases are happening the locations are being known and it is definitely not the case that students need to mark themselves been affected by the virus but what does that say about the overall safety measures?

A. A lot of the protection applied for the employees are also applied to you.

Whitman County has 198 cases in last two weeks. WSU has 36 confirmed cases. Some people might not have reported, and it is not a great number but a lot better than where we were last Fall. Talk to faculty member, Chair of Department, they
are closer to level of assistance and should be able of provide resources like Plexiglass and masks. Also, instructors be sensitive and provide reasonable accommodation for students who are sick and must stay home for 14 days period.

- Social distancing concern

A. 93% of the students are vaccinated. With FDA vaccination approval there should be a rise in vaccination.

- How is WSU working on making accommodation affordable for students living in Research and Extension Centre?

A. There is no rule that says all Graduate students are must be paid same. For example, the Vancouver students have managed to raise the level of assistantship because the cost of living is higher. Therefore, there is no reason why the students in R&E cannot do the same. Encourage pushing for higher pay and should be a consideration for additional compensation for stipends. Dean of Graduate School does not control the budget and it is looked after by the colleges. Best approach is talk to the chair and Dean and previous years GPSA has encouraged the college representatives to meet with the Dean and that would be a way forward.

- Last year Dean Gloss initiated task force to investigate ways we can support mentors, could you give us an update?

A. Got the taskforce assembled, one reason it got halted in the summer because Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is also working in this. First the task was thought to be segregated- Provost Office was responsible for overseeing faculty and faculty training there was a bit of confusion of working together. So, the Graduated School will have Task force to identify the resources and build websites for the students and what can you expect, how to get good mentors as well as for the mentors what needs to be done to follow best practices.

- Can Graduate school help us provide supply like hand sanitizer, mask etc. as many in the lab had to invest their own money?

A. Graduate School has no budget for that but bring that up with your department Chair.

- From one the TA, since WSU has a number of vaccination records, is it possible for the instructor or TA to know what percentage of students are vaccinated in the class? If some from that class is reported to be positive, should it be reported to the instructor/TA (with anonymity)?

A. I don’t know. Other than that, the deadline for October 18th says there will be a list of all employees, including graduate assistants are in incompetence or not. Maintain the standard protocol.
- Could you give a brief rundown on what sort of your agenda you working right now as far as the graduate advocacy goes?

A. To grow the quality of Graduate students, the quality of students that we recruit and make the graduate education program better by improving the retention of the success of students coming out at the end of degree-placement date program. Keep the Professional Development running whether academia, non-profit or industry.

- **7:15 | Nomination for College Representative**

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**Call Approval for the Nomination of College Representative**
- Call for Nomination of College Representative for Katelin
Approved
- Call for Nomination for College Representative for Samuel
Approved

- **7:25 | Nomination for Senators**

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Nominated- Halle Choi  Senator-at-large  Sch of Environment-CARHNS
Nominated- Jasmeet Singh Khalsa  Senator-at-large  RESIGNED  School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

Approval of the Nomination of Senators.

- **7:25| Vacant Position Update**

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- **7:25: Call for Approval**

Call for approval of extending the Senate meeting by 30mins.

- Not Approved.
- **7:28 | Announcement**

**Attendance Policy**

1. Same policy as 2022-2021
2. Internal Affairs Committee preparing a new draft for the hybrid format.

- **7:30| Call for Approval**

Call for approval of moving the GPSA committee discussion for next Senate Meeting.
- Not Approved.

Call for approval of extending the Senate meeting by 10min.

- Approved

- 7:30 | GPSA Senate Committees

**Legislative Affairs**

**Reanne Cunningham Chilton - gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu**

- Legislative Affairs Committee works on advocacy across the plane on community, university, state, and federal level.
- Arrange for Congress Day
- Talk with senators and Congress Legislators.
- This focus- health care affordability, mental health, holding mentors accountable and so on.

**Budget Committee**

**Marwa Aly - vpgpsa@wsu.edu**

- Must report the current state of the budget to the GPSA twice per month.
- At least one monthly meeting
- Responsible for all the budget that come out of GPSA
- Document and track every action.

**Travel Grant Committee**

**Arian Karimitar - gpsa.grants@wsu.edu**

- Monthly application to review
- Application per month due to pandemic decreased significantly.
- Expecting a rise in number of applications this year.
- Transitioning from Zoom Grants to Presence (questions, evaluation process)
- Setting new evaluation criteria.
- General responsibility for reviewing the application every month.
- Rubric for reviewers
- Monthly meeting are usually one per month or as specified.

**Awards and Scholarship**

**Behnaz Molaei - gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu**
• Assists in planning and implementing the annual spring semester GPSA Research Exposition
• Committee is also responsible for reviewing and awarding teaching assistants, research assistants, graduate assistant instructors, and advisor awards.
• The committee is also tasked with planning and organizing the spring Excellence Award luncheon, where GPSA recognizes excellence award winners and the Research Exposition winners.

Programming Committee

Ajay Barman- gpsa.programming@wsu.edu

• Identify potential events for the semester
• 1-2 events/month
• Reach to the venue managers to make reservations and finalize event
• Submit forms related to the event
• Work with Communication Chair to circulate the information
• Meetings usually once a month

Communications Committee-

Arpita Sinha- gpsa.communications@wsu.edu

• Executive and Senate Minutes
• Monitor Zoom for Senate
• Manage GPSA social media and website
• Press release
• Monday Minutes

Internal Affairs

Rabayet Sadnan- gpsa.internal@wsu.edu

• Responsible for addressing GPSA related concerns for the needs of students
• Preparing, reviewing, and suggesting revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws to the Senate and Executive Board
• Evaluates the need for graduate and professional students’ childcare
• Conducts general election of GPSA executive officers and senators during Spring semester.

7:38 | Announcement

To the expecting moms and new moms- Baby Onesies available.

Kindly share the information.

7:40 | Adjournment