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Here's the agenda:

- 05:30 | Call to Order
 - ☞ Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
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 - **Tathagata Pal:** I motion to approve the 9/23/2024 meeting minutes.
 - **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** Second
 - The motion of the 9/23/2024 meeting minutes:
 - Yes: 40
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and the motion has passed.
 - ☞ Approval of the Agenda
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 - **Joseph Akowuah:** I motion to approve the 10/07/2024 meeting minutes.
 - **Nazua Idris:** Second
 - The motion of the 10/07/2024 meeting agenda:
 - Yes: 50
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and the motion has passed.
- 05:45 | New Business
 - ☞ Nominations



- **Nazua Idris:** Hello, everyone. I'm sorry, I have to keep my camera off because I have eye issues. So from last time, some stuff changed, as you all suggested, that we take off the names of the people who never responded. So we cancel the nominations of Anupara, Julie, and Abraham because of non-response. And then we had two people for vet med. But one of them was previously accepted but then declined, and then we had two people for vet med. But one of them previously accepted, but then declined We decided together last time that we're giving the position to Hesam Abbasi. But we didn't get a chance to get the approval from the Senate. So these are the two things that need approval, and for the position of the School of Music, we have two candidates who are here today, and they will talk for a couple of minutes before, like, you can decide who you want to assign this position to.
 - Approval of Hesam Abbasi for the position of Senator-at-large in Human Development

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- **Hesam Abbasi:** Hello, everyone my name is Hasan. I'm a PhD student in electronics. And yeah, and you know, I've been to the Iranian Student Association.
- **Nazua Idris:** I motion to approve Hesam Abbasi for the position of Senator-at-Large in Human Development.
- **Folake Okor:** Second
- **Ajay Barman:** I just want to inform you that the only GPSA committee positions that are available are with programming. So, upon voting, you will be assigned to the programming committee.
- Hesam Abbasi for the position of Senator-at-large in Human Development
 - Yes: 56
 - No: 2
 - Abstain: 1
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and we have approved Hesam Abbasi for the position of Senator-at-Large in Human Development.
 - Approval of Moazzam Rind for the position of Senator-at-large in the College of Veterinary Medicine (Professional/DVM)

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- **Moazzam Rind:** So I am Azzam Rend. I'm from Pakistan. I am a 3rd year PhD. Student in civil and environmental engineering. In the past, I've been part of different organizations here at WSU as well as at Utah State. I was also part of the International Student Council at Utah State and vice President, so yeah, I would like to work with you guys and see how I can contribute to this. You know, wonderful community, and then how I can improve my experience here. Thank you.
- **Ajay Barman:** I just want to inform you that the only GPSA committee positions that are available are with programming. So, upon voting, you will be assigned to the programming committee.
- **Tathagata Pal:** I motion to approve Moazzam Rind for the position of Senator-at-large in the College of Veterinary Medicine (Professional/DVM)
- **James Asare:** Second



- Approval of Moazzam Rind for the position of Senator-at-Large in the College of Veterinary Medicine
 - Yes: 52
 - No: 3
 - Abstain: 1
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and we have approved Moazzam Rind as Senator-at-Large in the College of Veterinary Medicine
 - Senators' nomination for the School of Music (2 candidates)

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- **Suvanker Saha:** I just want to inform you that the only GPSA committee positions that are available are with programming. So, upon voting, you will be assigned to the programming committee. I just want to inform you that only GPSA committee positions that are available are with programming. So, upon voting, you will be assigned to the programming committee.
- **Ajay Barman:** What experience do you have with organizing events?
- **Suvanker Saha:** I just want to inform you that the only GPSA committee positions that are available are with programming. So, upon voting, you will be assigned to the programming committee.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** So, how are you going to ensure that you keep in touch with your constituents?
- **Suvanker Saha:** Yeah, actually, although I am not in the school of music. However, I will try to interact with other graduate and undergraduate graduate students about goals or what type of expectations they have for me. So I am going to be in support of them. So I will try to interact with them also. So, what type of expectations might they have for me? And I will show their message or give you give them the real message about the GPSA contributions how they can also help.
- **Nasrin Jabin:** My name is Nasrin Given, and I'm honored to have been nominated as the center at large position for the School of Music in GPSA. I am currently pursuing my PhD. In political science and also serving as a graduate teaching assistant at Wsu. So my thought is here is like, what drives is required. I mean, it's necessarily not. But what binds us together is important. I think GPSA exactly serves this purpose by binding all the graduate students together in a common platform, and I would be truly honored if I could serve this platform in a meaningful way. So I'm excited about I mean about this opportunity to serve GPSA so that I can learn so many things. And we can have collaborations like cross-disciplinary approaches since it's a school of music, so I'll try to ensure cross-disciplinary participation at all.
- **Ajay Barman:** Do you have any past experiences with organizing social events?
- **Nasrin Jabin:** Yeah. I was. I mean, back in my country, Bangladesh, I used to be a student at Deakin University. So there, I served the Dhakin University Research Society as the President. So I have volunteer experience for more than seven years, I mean, at the very when I was a fresh graduate student there. So, I have worked with a couple of more national and international organizations, too, like the Huck University Debating Society and the Huck University Leadership Development Society. So, I was the Joint Secretary of the Leadership Development Society as well as national and international organizations, like the Huck University Debating Society and also the Huck University Leadership



Development Society. So, I was the Joint Secretary of the Leadership Development Society as well.

- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** So, how are you going to ensure that you keep in touch with your constituents?
 - **Nasrin Jabin:** I mean, I was born and brought up in a very secular family, and I'm keen. I'm keen on music also. You know I love to paint. I'm a painter. So, in my pastime. So I know music and painting. All these things heal our minds. So I think I can. I can do something being at the Senator, the musical for the music of school. The School of Music. So yeah, I think I can. I can work in a cross-disciplinary manner because it's it's such a discipline. Music is such a discipline or a norm that binds everyone. Regardless of the departments. A country or race. So I think I can. I can. I can make sure across the disciplinary team here.
 - **Ninh Khuu:** I motion to vote on senator nomination for the School of Music.
 - **Rose:** Second
 - Senator for School of Music Vote
 - Suvanker Saha: 22
 - Nasrin Jabin: 43
 - **Marwa Aly:** We have completed the time, and with a majority, Nasrin Jabin has been voted as Senator for the School of Music.
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- 06:00 | 10-minute break
 - 06:10 | New Business
 - ☞ Vote to approve the Budget plan for 2024-2025



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- **Marwa Aly:** We have a budget of \$500,000, and each committee chair will discuss their plan for their budget. We will first discuss the operation budget.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** Are we able to change the budget, and if we do not approve a part of the budget, what happens?
- **Marwa Aly:** We can change the budget numbers today through a vote, but we need final approval today.
- **Madison Honig:** So my question is about this program coordinator's salary. I was reviewing the budget material myself, and I was wondering if you could speak to like who this person is, why we are paying their salary, and quite a large chunk of it. And then I do not understand student involvement. In addition, paying 75% of their salary.
- **Marwa Aly:** This is the employee from the finance team that is working to process all the payments for GPSA. And according to the rules of WSU. GPSA has to pay this amount. And again, we don't oversee this money. That this number, these numbers come from the Finance team.
- **Matt Shaw:** I believe it's in the bylaws that that's it's been that way for many years that GPSA. a portion of the person's salary. And that's just because GPSA has so many transactions and so many financial processes that it requires, you know, a quarter of a person to pay, and yes, a student. It's we're no longer student involvement. But yes, our department pays the remainder of that person's salary.
- **Elizabeth Groetsema:** Hi, chemistry senator here. Students in my department were concerned that half of the money that is allocated to GPSA goes towards just running GPSA rather than towards supporting students. They want more transparency around the operations budget and justifications for why it is so high.
- **Marwa Aly:** Half of the budget is going to the operation budget.
- Because again, the benefits, as you can see, are benefits for the employee. The summer executive wages the college rep, and the college rep increased this year's scholarship for them because their scholarship depends on the scholarship, stipend for the GPSA President and because of the increase in the stipend. For this year, their scholarship increased. The senators, scholarships for the spring and the summer, and then the summer work for the chairs The senators, scholarships for the spring and the summer, and then the summer work for the chairs
- **Amir Hossein Moadab:** Is the gift account separate from the budget?
- **Marwa Aly:** Yes, the gift account is separate. This budget is from our S&A account.
- **Mason Hoskins:** What is the programming for the R&E budget?
- **Marwa Aly:** It is mostly for senators who cannot attend meetings.
- **Nazua Idris:** The total allocation for the Internal Affairs Committee budget is \$2800, where \$2500 is dedicated to the general election platform subscription and \$300 for the platform used in social & economic sciences research center miscellaneous funds. This budget plan for the internal affairs committee is minimal because of the responsibilities of the committee. The majority of our budget will go towards answering



subscriptions to necessary election/ballot services. The remainder will go towards food for in-person committee meetings and/or any adjustments that we may need to make if the subscription fee increases in Spring.

- **Haden Kingrey:** I remember, and I helped volunteer with the General Election last year to get the referendum pass for the cougar, food, pantry, and last year the platform subscription was late, and putting out that election. Also, the price is quite expensive. I guess, relative to what you know, the layperson would expect a subscription like that. I just have a question: are there better options out there, or are there any certainties about the performance this year, or are there other options out there?
- **Nazua Idris:** We talked about this during our Executive Board retreat. I think, like at WSU, there is not an alternative platform. Ajay, correct me if I'm wrong. But we will look into it more because I know that last year messed up the General Election, and I see that we had to work harder to get all the results. So, like, we haven't started working on the platform yet. But we would like to look into other options and also kind of consult with them, like how we can minimize or address those, you know, technical problems like last year.
- **Portia Amoa-Danquah:** What is the MISC budget? I think I missed that part.
- **Marwa Aly:** Yeah, so this is the miscellaneous expenses that my GPSA needs to spend on the meetings or the swags. Yeah.
- **Marwa Aly:** Now we will discuss the budget committee that includes RSO funding, Sponsorship fund for 2024, and Childcare 2024 for a total of \$81,000. Fund and the child. Care the Rso. Fund \$42,000, and the child care \$39,000, and our breakdown for the Rso. Fund for the full affiliated fund, we had around 21 organizations. They all were approved last spring to receive a total of \$22,225. Recently, we received four applications for the sponsorship request. And it's about \$3,950, and I would share with you that the two organizations should receive 500. This is, according to the Bylaws, a final approval. They received the final approval from the GPSA. From the GPSA Budget Committee. But for, the Mount Vernon grad student, they still need to be approved by the Senate because their request is higher than 500 for the Iranian student organization. They should be here with us today to present their budget and receive the final approval from the Senate. So, it means the 950 and the 2,000 are not finalized. Yet, according to this, we still have money to spend on the spring applications and the sponsorship applications, if any, for the spring. Also, GPSA, we had this conversation, and it's not finalized yet that any organization that didn't spend \$50 or more from the full fund will be retrieved to GPSA. So, we still don't know how much money will be retrieved from GPSA. The last day to use their fund is December 10, so after December 10, we should be able to know how much money will be retrieved from GPSA if this rule is applied. The second program that the finance team oversees is child care. So, child care. We had the summer camp. The summer camp was split between the reimbursement and the WSU Children's Center. The WSU Children's Center served nine kids, with a total of 4,000, 115, and 31 cents. The reimbursement was for a total of 5 kids, with a total of 3,400. With this, we still keep money for the after-school program for spring and might be a little bit for summer.
- **Elizabeth Groetsema:** Will childcare money be allotted any differently in the future



now that we have childcare reimbursement in our contracts?

- **Ajay Barman:** It is an ongoing discussion as students without assistantships do not have access to the childcare reimbursement from the contract.
- **Marwa Aly:** Thank you for your question. During the spring, the budget committee will revisit all the budgets and see if we need to make any reallocation then, they will share their recommendations with the senators and ask for their approval.
- **Attah Austine:** The travel grants budget is a total of \$75,000, with \$25,000 for summer, \$25,000 for Fall, and \$25,000 in the Spring.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** so there's a quick question: which season do you usually get more applications?
- **Attah Austine:** So it's it's it's hard to say so. Last year, we had more during the fall as well as the fall is when, you know, like we get more and not so much, you know. Summer, so the fall, I would say. The fall is the most we get the most.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** Could you provide some more clarity on why we have a budget for the summer if students are not on campus?
- **Attah Austine:** Students travel all year round.
- **Portia Amoa-Danquah:** Is there a reason we only cover flights and not lodging?
- **Attah Austine:** So, thank you for the question. The committee itself is, it's called the travel, you know, Grants committee. And you know. Besides, you know that that point we want to be able to cover, like a lot of students, you know. And unfortunately accommodation, you know. Yeah, I don't know, in our experiences, like they cost a lot, you know, like, relatively. So you don't want to have to spend a limited budget on hotels, you know, you're gonna help fewer students, you know, when you're, you know, relatively to like when you pay for fa, you know, and registration. And every registration fee is not the only thing you can get reimbursed for, so GPSA, you know, would also reimburse for airport parking, even Uber and Lyft, you know, at conference areas. If you get, like, if you rent a car, for example, from enterprise, and you know to, you know, you can get, you know, considered for reimbursement, but because of, you know, the decrease in our budget this year, you know we're going to be prioritizing this, you know to charges.
- **Desmond Iddirisu:** Chemistry senator here. What metric is used in allocating funds to students applying for travel grants? Does the amount allocated vary for each application??
- **Attah Austine:** we have a rubric for allocating refunds. We take into account authorship, type of travel, i.e., virtual or in person, and type of presentation, e.g., oral or talk. We have a standard cap for all applications.
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud:** The budget for the Professional Development Initiative is a total of \$25,000 with \$10,789.89 for Grammarly Subscriptions, \$4,000 for VPhD subscriptions, \$409.35 PDI Banner, \$3000 for Fall events, and \$6,800.76 for Spring events.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** How many students are benefitting from the Grammarly Subscription?
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud:** The Grammarly subscription is only good for one semester.



About the number of users, we are trying to increase the number of people each year. We only offer a max of 250 subscriptions.

- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** If you get, like, if you rent a car, for example, from enterprise, and you know to, you know, you can get, you know, considered for reimbursement, but because of, you know, the decrease in our budget this year, you know we're going to be prioritizing this, you know.
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud:** I'll forward your suggestion to our executive committee, and that's a very great solution that we can take a survey. About the in-person event. Yes. So that's a, I'd say, one of the biggest challenges for us after Covid so before Covid. I was not in Wsu, but I heard that there is, like most of the events are in person. People's engagement was a lot. But after COVID, everyone shifted to Zoom, and we offer, even for in-person, we offer a hybrid of opportunities. So last year, we had an in-person one of the in-person events, which had the external speaker, Dr. David Giltner, and that was a very successful event, I think. It is a collaboration with the Physics department, I think. Around 70 students join in person. So that was one of the good events we had. But other than that, I had a very bad experience. So, in one person, in person. Even I just had one participant. I mean they'd love to join us from wherever they can and if you can meet us too. So it was very hard because we had to allocate time. That is good for the speaker as well as within the office hour, but also, people had their, you know, their schedule, so it was very hard for us to, even if we like, spread out the information through email through let's say leaflet or something steel. The interesting thing is that for each of the events, the average number of registered participants was more than 70, but in reality, even in Zoom, the average participant was not. That attended the event was 30, and in person, that's even less so. We don't know how many students will come because the registered participants are more than 70 or 100. Maybe everyone just accessed the recordings afterward. But that's 1 of the challenges that we are facing, and we are trying to reach out to everyone, like printing out a leaflet and giving that to everyone and sending emails. But that's 1 of the challenge that I always face.
- **Anna Ivanova:** Do you negotiate volume discounts with Grammarly? Or do you pay a regular price subscription?
- **Joseph Akowuah:** The awards and Scholarships account will cover \$5,000 for the Excellence awards and \$19,208 for the research exposition, for a total of \$24,208. At the same time, we have \$12,000 for the dissertation grant. The dissertation grant funding comes from the gifts account and not the S&A account.
- **Tathagata Pal:** For the legislative affairs committee budget it includes WSA Summer Bootcamp for \$1,022, SGC Meeting in Tri-Cities for \$500, WSA Retreat for \$976.00, Voter Registration event for \$110, WA Committee day for \$1,400, WSA Fees \$1,400, WSA Spring GA \$1,200, Coug Day at the Capitol \$3,500, GPSA Liaison \$9,000, and SGC Meeting in Pullman \$500 for a total of \$17,383.
- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** For a total of \$1,600, our budget will cover the GPSA Student Survey for incentives for \$1300 and the College of Education Meet and Greet for buying food and drinks for \$300.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** Let me ask you, so why do you have to sponsor meet and



greet for the College of Education?

- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** we don't have any other budget than what we received from our different committees to spend for that last year we met only once to be able to save some money for the incentives that we wanted to buy. But please keep in mind that whenever we are bringing people together. We don't want it to be just come and say, Hi, that eating and drinking in many cultures, eating together means sharing something, and it makes it very important for us. There is no budget allocated for that money, and this is how it has been working.
- **Ajay Barman:** The executive board budget breakdown includes \$960 for supplies and \$500 for supplies for a total of \$1460.
- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** The budget for the programming committee is for a max of \$16100, with \$8500 for the fall semester and \$7600 for the spring semester. This includes \$4560 for welcome week, \$60 for Committee kickoff meeting, \$500 for Porch Light Pizza, \$1100 Halloween Party at Etsi Bravo, \$500 for November Restaurant Friday, \$1500 Friendsgiving, \$700 Bowling night, \$500 for Demeber Restaurant Friday, and \$6680 for Spring Events.
- **Ninh Khuu:** Thank you for presenting this similar to Mason's question earlier, would this be an appropriate place for the \$1,000 allocated to the research and extension centers to spend their programming things like Friendsgiving for the extension centers or a Christmas thing for the extension centers?
- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** Thanksgiving. It's an event we organize for all the red students like. It's not only for the college. Any for any specific college or anything. It's open for graduate students if they want to come and join. That's their welcome. And traditionally, we organize this. And inside my committee. We have started planning. But yeah, definitely, you can share different thoughts. It's not a program for only a specific group of people. It's for all grad students.
- **Ajay Barman:** We do agree that research and extension center students cannot come to Pullman just to attend friends' giving. So, in the past, what we did was collaborate with student organizations from the Rec center. We also organized friend-giving for that particular research and Extension Center. And it's we did it in the past, and we will do it. We will try to do it this year as well. Yeah, I mean, I completely hear you. Everyone is our new programming chair. And he was not aware of that fact that what happened in the past. But thank you for bringing this up. We will collaborate this year as well, and we will keep the ball rolling.
- **Madison Honig:** I think there's a point of confusion here. The line item that Mara was presenting about for the rec centers. That's basically for you guys to get reimbursed when we're all eating. So when we have our Senate meetings, and we're eating, you guys obviously can't eat the same food. So you can apply for reimbursement for the food. That is not a programming amount of money. That being said, I think community affairs like it's it isn't in our presentation. But I think, you know, given our mandate, we could probably kick some mandate, we could probably kick some programming money towards the Rec centers and work on that. All of our budget in GPSA also applies to the fee-paying Rec center members. So, like, it's not technically a separate line item, but we can internally allocate some of that. Especially because community affairs also



contribute to friend giving and Halloween, and I'm sure my committee would be interested in figuring out what we can do for the Rec. Centers. But I just wanted to clarify that line. Item thing. I sent Mason a message about this as well, so hopefully that clarifies it.

- **Madison Honig:** The community Affairs budget is broken down as follows with \$1500 for Lauren's Lap to cover registration costs, \$500 for Bug Hotel Making Events/Spring Planting Event, \$500 for Halloween/Friendsgiving, \$200 for Lend a Hand Give a Can for snacks and printing costs, \$500 cooking classes, \$350 Drag Bingo Even, \$50 Invasive wedding events for gloves and water, \$200 for Park Cleanup for pizza, and \$1000 for self-defense classes for instructor and gift bags.
- **Desmond Aboagye:** I just one thing that I just wanted to comment on is that I think we have broken our association into some very important committees. However, we end up having so many activities. Just look at looking at a lineup from community affairs, the lineup from Pdi, the lineup from the programming committee. It puts so much pressure on the graduate students. Okay? Apart from GPSA, we also have college associations and departmental associations. I think that some of our efforts need to be channeled towards maybe making 2 or 3 events the most important ones so that we can get higher participation because the programming events are becoming so many. And, if you do the math, if you look down into the event, we have very limited participation in all the events across the board, programming, community affairs, whatever on the scale of the number of students we have in our association. and I think part of it has to do with the amount and the total number of events we are having in the different committees. So maybe we can cut down and work together among the committees that organize events that request all GPSA members to be part of so that we have limited events and possibly higher participation.
- **Madison Honig:** Going to respond to what Desmond said. I think that's a really good point. Perhaps we are spreading ourselves too thin by having these numerous events. I think that I, you know, don't want to speak too much for my committee members, but we try to focus on events that are much larger in scale and much fewer. So these are, we're only doing about one event a month. If that and we do tend to have much larger participation, like, I said, for Lauren's lap, we had, like, 103 participants. And then for Halloween and Friendsgiving, that usually tends to be in the hundreds. So, we're focused on building larger community events. But you know some of them tend to be a little bit smaller, like our Bug Hotel only had like six people. But given that, we tried to reassess and figure out what ways we can repurpose some of that stuff. But I think that's a really good discussion to have, and I think, like, for certain events like our food drive. That's something that I'm hoping that we can get GPSA fully involved in, really something that we can stand for and have the whole Senate involved in it because there's going to be a variety of volunteer positions, and we need all hands-on deck, whether you can only commit to helping out for half an hour whether you can help for two h. So, I think that that's something that my committee is trying to prioritize. But I think that merits a larger discussion and thank you for bringing that up.
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- **Andrew Sutherland:** My budget is \$1000, I am fine if you all lower it. I am mostly going



to use it for incentives for a survey.

- **Desmond Aboagye:** I move to approve the 2024-2025 budget.
 - **Nazua Idris:** Second.
 - **Haden Kingrey:** Hi, kind of a question related to. I don't want to just put my question for Andrew at the end there, but I think Andrew raises an interesting point about funds that are not used at the end of the year and where those funds get allocated. So, for instance, there might be certain committees that don't use all of their funds. Or where do those funds get allocated normally? Is there an agreement between representatives? They put it towards different say, like travel grants or something like that. Thank you very much.
 - **Marwa Aly:** After the fall, at the beginning of the spring, the Budget Committee will revise and recheck all the budget in the accounts, and if we find that there is a committee that has a budget that they didn't spend for activities allocated for fall, we will request and recommend. The Budget Committee will request and recommend moving this amount to another committee, like the Travel Grants, and part of your question. I would like to compile. Another question I received in the chat was about the child. Care? Yes, if there is money that is not spent from the fall. His will be reallocated, and I will recommend reallocating it to the travel grants so, and this is between the fall and the spring. But at the end of the academic year after June 30. If any budget is not spent from the GPSA board, it should be retrieved from the S&A account so it will go back to the university. That's why we are wisely using the budget to reallocate it in the spring to benefit from the budget that we have from the S&A account and benefit all the graduate students.
 - Approval for the Budget plan for 2024-2025
 - Yes: 50
 - No: 1
 - Abstain: 0
 - Marwa Aly: We have reached the 2/3rd majority, and our budget plan has been approved.
 - ☞ Vote to approve \$950 sponsorship for Mount Vernon Graduate Students
- <https://forms.office.com/r/bUHxcgJj1q>.
- **Ninh Khuu:** Cool Mount Vernon's Graduate Student Association is located in Mount Vernon, Washington. It's about 6 to 7 hours, depending on how you want to drive from Pullman on the exact opposite side of the State. What they're requesting is a total of \$950 that'll be allocated towards the end-of-semester barbecue volleyball games, snacks for their meetings, and also the end-of-the-semester art hour. You'll also see the light. Item 4 is asking for money to help it's for equipment costs so that they can continue to have events that's it. It's about 23 graduate students that are there. So \$950 over 23 is what they're asking for. And it's just to help build a sense of community for students who are in multiple departments away from the main campus.
 - **Desmond Aboagye:** Are they part of WSU?
 - **Ninh Khuu:** Yes, we are all paying the same S&A fees that Pullman students do.



- **Attah Austine:** How much money does your organization have?
- **Ninh Khuu:** I think they spend their money every year. That is a great question that I think someone else also asked that question similar to this before. It's whatever money isn't spent, and I think Moral also mentioned this at the beginning. If you have more than \$50 left over in your account, you have to return it. So it does incentivize folks to spend the money, and as part of their application, they do send past year's receipts showing that they do spend their money. And it's actually what we want as a budget committee is, if you request it, that you spend it.
- **Tathagata Pal:** I motion to approve the \$950 sponsorship for Mount Vernon Graduate Students.
- **Haden Kingrey:** Second
- Approval of \$950 for Mount Vernon Graduate Students
 - Yes: 47
 - No: 2
 - Abstain: 1
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and the motion passed.
☞ Vote to approve \$2000 sponsorship for Iranian Student Association

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- **Ehsan Norouzi Kandlati:** I am Essan Norazi, President of the Iranian Student Association. Our organization promotes Iranian culture at Wsu by hosting events like Persian Nights, nose, and Yeldo Nights. Our purpose is to raise awareness of Iranian culture, benefit the community by sharing traditions, celebrate national ceremonies, and create a fun environment for students. Each year, we will have one big event per semester, plus several small events, with 75 for big events and about 50 guests for smaller ones. The activities for each event include a presentation on diversity in Iran games. Live traditional Persian music, Persian dinner, dance, group performance, and DJ. And dancing. Here are some pictures from our last event, which was Yaldo Nights. It was on December 2023. We celebrated the longest nights of the year for the expenses. First, st we have food and drinks. This will cost around \$3,600. Then we have a venue and sound system. It's about \$1,400. We also need to spend 300 for decoration and another 300 for small other things. So, the total expenses would be around \$5,600. Now for revenue. We will sell tickets from student tickets. We expect about \$1,400 and from non-students about \$1,000. This gives us a total of \$2,400. So now I will explain where the money is going for our event. First, we have Washington State University catering, which costs \$2,800. Then we have the University of Idaho catering for our second big event, which costs around \$800 for the venue rental. We're spending \$1,400 for locations like the senior ballroom at WSU. Cup and 1912 center in Moscow. We will also spend \$300 at places like Walmart, safer, and Amazon for some extra things like printing and gift cards. Lastly, we're buying decorative items from the same places, which also cost \$300. So, the amount that we request for this academic year from GPSA would be around \$2,000.
- **Joseph Akowuah:** I think that usually, when our resource presents their slides like this, they have pictures of some of their past events so that we can see the participation. Right? So here we hear that 75 people participated. But there's no evidence that 75 people participated in the event, and then this amount that they are requesting is warranted. So I was expecting to see some pictures of past events or at least a group picture or something. So we can see that they have the numbers and they are asking for this amount of money.



- **Tathagata Pal:** Is this for an annual sponsorship?
- **Marwa Aly:** Yes, it is an annual sponsorship.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** The 1st is What what is it about the University of Idaho? That's the 1st University of Idaho catering? Why is that, I mean? Why are we supposed to pay for whatever activities? Is that going on at the University of Idaho? That's my 1st concern. My second concern is I saw somewhere where you wrote miscellaneous, miscellaneous. Why do we need to pay for miscellaneous, I mean, miscellaneous means something that has not happened. So you're not. You're not attaching the money to anything. In my opinion, whatever I mean, the government won't pay for miscellaneous, so if it is miscellaneous. We should not be interested in paying for miscellaneous. You should have monies attached to specific projects and nonmiscellaneous on that note. I would want to advise if you would take that to drop the miscellaneous part of the budget. I mean. No government, organization, or entity would pay for miscellaneous.
- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** Yeah, I don't have a question. I just have a like; I just want to pass in information like in this slide. I can see that he allotted around \$1,000 for the rental of a senior ballroom. But for each of the RSOs. Like, say one, they can host one event in a year 3. I don't know if he knows about it or not they just need to apply it, and they, like Cab, actually waive the amount.
- **Madison Honig:** I motion to approve a \$2000 sponsorship for the Iranian Student Association.
- **Tathagata Pal:** Second.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** Why are we providing funding for the University of Idaho?
- **Ehsan Norouzi Kandlati:** Yeah, in the University of Idaho, and one event is in collaboration with the University of Idaho. We usually share the expenses each year. So they have a small budget. So we help them to collaborate with them to have the second event. Each year. We have two events each year, which is, one is no rules, and the other one is Yaltonites. One event we'll be with the responsibilities for the University of the Iranian Student Association at WSU. Another event responsibility is for the University of Idaho, and we do that in collaboration with each other.
- **Amir Hossein Moadab:** Thank you so much, so proportionally. Most of the in our most of events, all the students, almost 80% of the students are from WSU students. So that's why most of the Times University of Idaho is barely responsible for budget preparation because they are a very small group. And we, as WSU, are supposed to get the place, the food, and everything. So that's why we are trying to get this \$2,000, which is not enough. That's why we sell tickets to compensate for the other proportion. If you need more numbers, for sure we can provide it. But yes, I just wanted to add, mean that there might be some concerns. We can clarify it. We don't need to argue things about that. Thank you.
- Approval of \$2000 sponsorship for the Iranian Student Association.
 - Yes: 38
 - No: 13
 - Abstain: 4
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and the motion passed.

☞ Spring Resignation of VPLA and VP.

- Marwa Aly and Tathagata Pal resigned from GPSA VP and GPSA VPLA respectfully.
- **Destiny Brokaw:** When did you all know you were graduating?
- **Tathagata Pal:** I realized I could graduate in the Fall semester in June.



- **Marwa Aly:** Even though the election happened in February (the GPSA 2024 election happened from March 5-8), it was very early to know the plan of graduation in advance.
- **Nazua Idris:** Hi! This is just like information for everyone that you will be like. Once we receive official resignation letters from PAL and Marwa, you will receive an email from me regarding nominating the vacant position for the VPLA. According to the bylaws, the President and the Vice President run with a single ticket. So, the President will nominate the Vice President. You will also receive an email regarding forming a special elimination Committee, where we will need a Senator from each college. So please keep an eye out for that email. Thank you so much.
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- 07:30 | Adjournment

GPSA Executive Board Reports

If you need clarification or have any questions, please get in touch with the corresponding individual.

President and Executive Board Chair– Ajay Barman; presgpsa@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- GPSA report presentation to the Board of Regents
- WSU Presidential Search Committee candidate review
- Conduct GPSA Executive Board Meeting
- Conduct GPSA Executive Team Meeting
- Graduate and professional student representation in the WSU Athletic Council executive retreat and on-field recognition

Meeting attended:

- Meeting with Faculty senate
- Meeting with Cougar Health Service Graduate Assistant
- Meeting with the WSU Transportation team
- Service & Activity (S&A) committee meeting
- Virtual SGC steering committee meeting
- Meeting with ASWSU Director Of Legislative Affairs
- Meeting with ASWSU President
- Meeting with ASWSU vice president
- Meeting with Programming Committee chair
- Meeting with IAC chair
- Meeting with PDI chair
- Weekly PDI Executive Board Meeting



- Commission for Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation (GIESO) General Assembly meeting
- Community Equity Response Team (CERT) meeting
- Athletic council meeting

Executive Vice President and Budget Chair– Marwa Aly; vpgpsa@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- Prepare Senate agenda.
- Approval and recommendations of Sponsorship funds for RSOs.
- Purchase Senate swags from 4imprint.

Meeting Attended

- Meeting with Interim Vice-Chancellor.
- GPSA executive board meetings.
- RSO meetings as requested.
- Meeting with AVPs
- GPSA budget committee
- CUB advisory board.
- S&A training
- SGC meeting

Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Chair of Legislative Affairs– Tathagata Pal;
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Task Completed:

- At the City level, working with WSU TAG to get the Figure-8 bus route
- At the State level, working on a budget proviso to create a task force for childcare support survey
- At the State level, working on a bill to incorporate graduate and professional students for WCC work exemption
- Submitted GPSA proposal for the WSA Fall General Assembly
- Organized the voter registration event in association with the ASWSU, Pullman
- Compiled and sent out the review of WA Initiatives on the ballot to the WSU Library



Meeting Attended:

- Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- Meeting with Pullman City Council member Carla de Lira
- SGC legislative affairs meetings
- WSA Graduate student meeting
- WSA weekly executive team meeting
- WSAC basic needs support team meeting

Chair of Internal Affairs– Nazua Idris; gpsa.internal@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- Revised the senator-at-large nominations and made preparations for the voting and approvals.
- Resolved several issues regarding Senators' accommodation requests.
- Worked with the GPSA Executive Team and Executive Board members regarding policy violations.

Meeting attended:

- Attended Senators' Meeting
- Attended Exec Board Meeting
- Held IAC Committee meeting
- Met with the GPSA VP to process accommodation requests

Chair of Communications- Andrew David Sutherland; gpsa.communications@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- GPSA Website Updates
- Developing a University Committee Webpage for GPSA
- Collecting teaching resources for students.
- Lauren's Lap Social Media Promotion/Slate Announcements/Daily Evergreen Developed
- Promoted PDI events
- Social Media Promotion of GPSA Executive Members.

Meeting attended:



- Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- S&A Committee Meeting
- GPSA Communication Team Meeting

Chair of University Affairs- Golrokh (Rose) Maleki; gpsa.university@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Updating the university committees
- Introducing our Representatives to university Committees
- Working on the results of the 2024 survey with my team

Meeting attended:

- Student and University Affairs Committee meeting
- GPSA Executive Board

Chair of Professional Development Initiative- Sajjad Uddin Mahmud; gpsa.pd@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Completed events:
 - CV To Resume: A Graduate Student's Road Map - 09/23/2024
 - Inclusive Excellence: Strategies for Developing and Implementing Inclusive Syllabi - 09/25/2024
- Working on spring events

Meeting attended:

- Meeting with GPSA executive board
- Meeting with PDI executive board
- Meeting with PDI senators

Chair of Travel Grants-Augustine Attah: gpsa.grants@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Assigned Fall 1 application for evaluation
- Sent out the list of Summer 4 awardees to the finance team
- Reached out to awardees per email
- Daily correspondence (per email, in-person) with applicants and departmental travel coordinators
- Correspondence with the finance department to facilitate disbursement of refunds.

Meetings Attended:

- Weekly executive board meeting



- Correspondence (per email) with travel grants evaluation committee
- Weekly office hours (every Monday, virtual)
- Pullman Police Advisory Committee meeting

Chair of Community Affairs-Madison Hönig: gpsa.community@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Organized Bug Hotel-Making Event
- Completed Lauren's Lap Race and covered the registration for graduate students.
- Launched the organizing committee for the Community Food Drive
- Created budget for Community Affairs

Meetings Attended:

- Weekly Executive Board Meeting
- Community Affairs Committee Meeting
- GPSA Office Hours
- Meeting with Lend a Hand, Give a Can Community Food Drive
- Attended Lauren's Lap
- Attended Bug Hotel Making Event

Chair of Programming – Md Redwan Ahmad Khan: gpsa.programming@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- Organized Porchlight Pizza Restaurant Friday
- Planning finished for Halloween party at Etsi Bravo on November 2nd
- Paper works completed for both events

Meetings Attended:

- Weekly Executive Board Meeting
- Programming Committee Meeting
- GPSA Office Hours
- Meeting with individual committee members assigned to specific tasks