

GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 01/23/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

Zoom link:

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- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**
 - **Ajay Barman**
 - **Desmond Aboagye**
 - **Ali Maleki**
 - **Joseph Akowuah**
 - **Augustine Attah**
 - **Andrew Sutherland**
 - **Madison Hönig**
 - **Redwan Khan**
 - **Nazua Idris**
 - **Sajjad Mahmud**
 - **Dr. Tammy Barry**
 - **Matt Shaw**
- **Agenda items**
 - Senate Meeting/Coug Day conflict
 - Jan 27th meeting, but on that day, Desmond will be traveling to Coug Day to the Capital.
 - Jan 27th meeting will be canceled, and we will have a meeting on Feb 3rd since it will be online.
 - Executive and Senators who were planning to attend Coug Day were planning to leave at 5 pm and driving back to Pullman, WA. They would not be able to the meeting.
 - Sajjad Uddin: I motion to cancel the GPSA Senate meeting for January 27th and move it to Feb 3rd.
 - Nazua Idris: Second
 - Yes: 7
 - No: 0
 - IAC Election Campaign

- Nazua: PDI is helping IAC is transferring some money so we can have an information session on February 4th and February 10th. We will provide coffee and pastries. I will have more frequent office hours, including online office hours.
- Madison: Look at sending committee members to table events so they can have more front-facing communication.
- Presidential Search Update
 - We have been getting emails about the Presidential Search update. There have been some concerns about who the potential candidates is and the process. Since Ajay is one of the only students on the committee, Madison would like to know the process and some information about the search process.
 - Ajay Insight:
 - The information and the questionnaire were confidential, but the priority was the students.
- PDI to A&S: \$2000
 - PDI still has some money in its account after organizing all of its events. They are willing to transfer \$2000 to transfer to Awards and Scholarships. Since this is over \$1000, we need the Senators to vote on this transfer of money.
- PDI to IAC: \$500
 - PDI will transfer funding to IAC of \$500. They will work with Matt Shaw for this transfer since it is less than \$1000.
- Committee Chair's Signature while Payment Request submissions
 - If you are within the budget, Desmond does not think his position as the budget chair should be the sole person of doing payment request submissions, but open this up to the committee chair to sign the Payment Requests without going through the Budget committee. Matt Shaw will still have to approve.
- NIH Grants are not funding travel and conferences. This is something we should consider when it comes to travel grant applications.
- **Committee updates**
 - PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud
 - Python workshop will take place on Jan 30th.
 - Professional Headshots will take place on Jan 30th.

- Programming: Md. Redwan Ahmad Khan
 - Saturday, we will have a winter hiking event from Pullman to Idaho. We organized it for 30 people, but we had a lot of applicants.
 - Feb 28th – Organizing Restaurant Friday
- Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah
 - The Research Expo submission deadline has passed, and we received a record number of 272 submissions, with 172 specifically for the GPSA research expo.
- Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye
 - RSO funding was presented during the first senate meeting. We have reached out to the RSOs who have not submitted their applications. Our goal is to be done by the end of Friday, Jan 24th when we provide those RSOs with their funding.
- Travel Grants: Austine Attah
 - Reviewing applications for January and December.
 - We are predicting funding for travel grants will run up by June.
 - The current police chief is on administrative leave and is not coming back. We are looking for a replacement.
- Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris
 - Finalized the apportionment numbers of the number of senators a college can have, but there are some confusion about the graduate school. Since we are not having a meeting on Monday Jan 27, we will email that material soon.
- University and Student Affairs: Ajay
 - There are a few university committees the need people. Rose is going to make a list and planning to present these openings to the Senate at the next meeting.
- Communication: Andrew Sutherland
 - Looking into purchasing a pull-up banner for the Research Expo. Currently designing the banner.
 - Submitting slate announcements for election applications.
 - Submitting Slate Announcement for Excellence Awards.
 - Putting Slate Announcements for February PDI events and programming.
- Community Affairs: Madison Hönig

- We are working on an Affordable cooking event for March 18th
- CAS meeting took place on Friday, we had a good conversation.
 - The Dean wants more open-format meetings with students.
 - The Dean expressed interest in support of the Cougar Food Pantry. They want to donate like they did last year, but we are unsure of how much they will donate.
- Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki
 - Coug Day at the Capital is on January 27th.
 - We are finalizing what should be the priorities to promote graduate students and what we should be advocating for.
 - We are working with sponsors to write a bill on child care and graduate students.