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Here's the agenda:

- 05:30 | Call to Order
    - ⊄ Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
      https://forms.office.com/r/MMqSQcqmj0
        - **Nazua Idris:** I motion to approve the GPSA meeting minutes from 10/7/2024.
        - **Anna Ivanova:** Second
        - **Approval of the 10/7/2024**
            - **Yes: 33**
            - **No: 0**
            - **Abstain: 1**
        - **Marwa Aly: We have reached a majority, and the motion has passed.**
    - ⊄ Approval of the Agenda
      https://forms.office.com/r/cbDYx7GV5e
        - **Edmund Larbi Afari:** I motion to approve the agenda for the 10/21/2024 meeting.

- **Haden Kingrey:** Second
- Approval of the Meeting Agenda 10/27/2024:
  - Yes: 40
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- **Marwa Aly:** We have reached a majority, and the motion has passed.
- 05:45 | Guest speaker
  - ⊄ Wayne Thompson from Pullman Transit and Cody Wilson and Gabby Rodriguez from the WSU transportation department.
    Please share as many questions as possible with our guest speakers using the following form: https://forms.office.com/r/EBg6uqh2Gz
    - **Cody Wilson:** I am the director of Transportation Services. So I am in charge of our Transportation Department, which entails our permits, our fines as well as working with the students in the tag specifically. But you, as well as ASWSU, for our transportation, our bus transportation. We do have someone introduce himself from Homeland Transit today. To help answer any questions that you may have. I'm gonna pass the mic to Gabby so he can introduce it.
    - **Gabby Rodriguez:** I work closely with Director Cody Wilson with pulling transit, and I also serve as a supervisor for our student leaders as part of our Transit Advisory group, working closely with GPSA, The Residence Hall Association, and some other student leaders that are involved in different closing groups. So welcome. Thanks for having us. I'll give you a quick rundown of what the Transit Advisory group is for those of you who may not be familiar. I don't see your GPSA up here today that I work closely with. But if you're familiar with Kyle and, of course, Ajay. Has history and serving within our group. And so your voice is important. Your feedback is important each year. So, thank you for allowing us to be here.
    - **Wayne Thompson:** We're a division of the Public Works Department, and that's somewhat of an unusual arrangement in the State of Washington. The 3rd two transit agencies, just one Everett and Yakima, our city agency. So it's a bit of an unusual scenario. I like to think that it's additive to the way we operate. That is a machine. What I'd like to do is tell you a little bit about our system. Hopefully, in doing so, I'll answer some questions you might have and then have a discussion with you about what your priorities are when you put together our service. Well,

my staff consists of 30 drivers. We have six dispatchers and four bus washers, and I have an office, staff management staff, and 5, which includes myself. I directly supervise our two operations supervisors. We have an administrative supervisor, a training and safety officer, and also a senior bus officer. Global transit peaked with 1.5 million riders a year in 2020. That's why it's pretty pandemic. We recovered to about 800,000 rides a year. You see on the road those feet about the same time 22,000 last year, and now we've recovered about 12,000 a year. Last year, the fleet you see on the road most buses are still with congrats. We have 24 buses. There we got 5 Admins and the buses. Three of those buses are fully electric. Seven are electric Diesel hybrids, and the rest are fully Diesel. We have three more electrics on the way, and we're writing grants for two more, which would be building the capacity at that point. I estimate the way I look at our budget. 80% of that budget covers the picture of costs and losses. Rest of the budget. Go source it out right now. My role also includes grandparents for the operating and capital portions of most of our service. And in that role, I do get to see the cost of what it is to acquire vehicles, to get them on the ground, and to maintain those vehicles. We're located on the west side of town, over on Guy Street, and right across the park, a lot is the city name of the shop. They maintain road raiders, fire trucks, police cars, lawnmowers, and buses, and we're over half of the upper business. So, we center on our capital budget on the maintenance. I also see the operating costs. You know, the labor costs for our just over 6 million dollars budget. Now 53% of this week. That's yeah. With us employees, the overtime costs for employees and we have this. There was a car not too long ago that the WSU contract was 49% of our operating budget. That was 2020. Now, it's much closer to 30%, and it's it's a different contract format than what we're used to. One time, there was an enhanced level of service contract. There were certain stipulations, not details, in the contract. That was a pretty. So, with that said, well, pointing out that we're doing the best we can with what we have trying to do more or less. What I think you would probably like to hear the most about is service on campus for you to collaborate on our budget album, my per-hour basis service hour with us. It's just under a half 1 million dollars for one month. 4 HA day. You're right, for money at 2,000. So those are some useful- useful suggestions that you see primarily on campus late times. It was a part of my expression. We got a 24, 3 lessons. So there's 38 min apart. We've also got connecting buses

on a flight Lane campus route. 15 min bus, one bus. So you see that you have 15 minutes. Flag Lane has been a very critical strategic point for us, especially this year, to replace the shop across the road in North Carolina. No longer have to cross the road. It also allowed us to bring all other community routes into that system. So you're here in summertime. All you're seeing is the silver the believe the Paradise. Those are also on campus that we brought out. Those can get you to Rosar's Walmart Hospital, Safeway, and Main Street. So it's not gonna look like 30 points. All cameras think a lot of people forget when they ask about extending service. It comes to what they had read. The expresses later. A lot of folks tend to forget that the press is in about 6:30, and that's just when we started at 30 PM until midnight. That's the week outside the airport service. So about 4 PM. So, with that said. What I hope to hear is what your priorities are. What you'd like to see is that we, as a team, work together to develop future year service levels. So, hopefully, I will answer a few questions ahead of time. But otherwise happy to answer what I can.

- **Gabby Rodriguez:** Please visit our website to learn more about our University Transportation Taskforce: https://transportation.wsu.edu/about-us/

- **Madison Honig:** Are there any plans to move garage cans or develop covered waiting areas on Flag Lane?

- **Gabbie Rodriguez:** Yes, great question. So the question was regarding Flagland as a whole kind of the amenities that are there. There's some preliminary planning just to see what the future of that area could look like, specifically with the garbage. It was not the university's goal to place garbage there, but what was happening was initially, people were just leaving their coffee cups and trash, and then it was blowing across Flag Lane, so they wanted to have a place to make sure. Garbage and recycling could properly be disposed of, but overall, the hope is to develop both sides, but that may not be within the next year or so, just because of funding issues.

- **Cody Wilson:** I just wanna add to that a little bit. I took a note. We'll look because there's something I don't know if you've all seen the new garbage cans, stations that are kind of deploying across campus that are not just so. Maybe we could look at getting some like that. But it is a little nicer and not smelly. I guess if there's something in there, it's closed as far as the shelter goes, I think that's where you're for, like, a bus shelter we've been looking into that. As Gabby mentioned, it will

likely be a phase 2. So, for those of you who don't know. And I want to be quick about this because I want you all to ask your questions away. But transportation services, not the student transit fee or the S. And a piece transportation services out of our budget funded flag links. We funded about 350-ish $1,000 that we put up to develop, flagrant, to widen it, and all that, and we intend on also funding shelter. I think that all depends on the budget. I'm hoping to do that within the next year or 2. Believe it or not, shelters are very expensive. There's there's shuffle requirements. You know, that requires excavation. It's not just throwing a building up. So there you're looking all set, not around a hundred $1,000 to put something, and then it's big enough to accommodate the number of students. They're using that spot. So we don't want to put something up that just looks. You know, Janky or out of place. We want to put a nice structure up. There's potential, depending on where we do it. At that, it could be heated. So we're we're trying to. If we're going to develop this kind of money, we want to do the best job we can and have it as comfortable as possible.

- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** Some of your drivers seem disconcerted with students' concerns.

- **Wayne Thompson:** I am very sorry for your experience. That's not the way we want our drivers to act towards anyone.

- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** Do you have any plans to change the road routes?

- **Wayne Thompson:** Well, it is specifically some of our priorities are the right time, capacity emails, transfers. So, if you would like choreographs from the north end of the campus to the center of the campus.

- **Shah Alam:** So, just repeating what he said before the 2023 spring. It was like 3 months. So it took since he was saying it took like 3 min from my apartment to come to Beasley, so it says a lot of time. Especially during winter, and now we have to work from our department to benefit 5, 6 means one. Then we have to wait for the bus. If the bus comes, then we get on the bus. Then it took from other parts, and it takes another time in business and from again see the waste of time for us. Then, from the bus, we have to walk up here, central campus. It takes about another 15 min. So I calculated if I got the bus on time, given that there was a space, it would take at least 50 min from my department to come to my department, and I teach a hundred-level class. My teaching time is 50 min, and just to remind you, I am teaching a 50 min class. I have to spend a lot of time. So that's my question that

needs to be worked closely. My next concern is there is an issue of space, and drivers mostly don't install it because there's not enough space in a bus. So we had to wait another 15 min for the next bus. So, just about any call return we have to like. It's been 50 min plus 15 min., just like one hour and 5 min for setting the bus. If I'm lucky, I had the experience of not getting a second passage loan and doing it from a compass. So it's like one of them will be 45 min for and pass. So that's why I don't use the bus right now because it takes a lot of time. I just want to. You know that issue. I don't know what's your plan, and I know I'm working on the roads. I know that I'm not sure about the march, but I want to emphasize this department. And can we make the request or not?

- **Wayne Thompson:** Our route changes are brought up during public hearings. This seems more like an issue around the number of buses on the road at a time.

- **Haden Kingrey:** Are there any routes that are potentially in development to take people to Moscow, ID?

- **Wayne Thompson:** It's a fairly common question, and I have some good news. Local people in transit provide that service. We are in the city. But the Council on Transportation, based out of Colfax, is applying for a grant. Right now, you can be awarded successfully in July, and we have every attention of 45 of us on the road, possibly with a small number. So the money is successful. They'll get that ramped up.

- **Ricardo Rivero:** So, I would like to give some feedback on the removal of the blue route from Steptoe out of those places to the university, just going and taking a good route. It's just one short ride, 10 to 15 min., and now I always like if I want to go to Walmart or if I want to go to any place in Pullman. I need to take 1st the apartment and then do the transfer. And that's not ideal for me. And also I know for people that are new students when they want to move around the city. They also have to pay twice to do the same route because they have to get off the bus or flight lane and then hop on the next bus. So I don't know. That's a change I didn't like.

- **Wayne Thompson:** yeah, I've heard that as well. It has to change at the start of this year The blue route is too long. Our drivers weren't able to get the brakes. We also realized there was a sidewalk that connected to the brandy web. And that's how we came up with a connection to the express, but I haven't heard that concern. We are looking at two options. We're considering the bedwalk crosswalk with flashlights. So,

people could get over, since it's off of red, which is a little rough shot, or even invest in the sidewalk that connects from a south side of Cari view over to the bridge and grab that infrastructure changes or route changes.

- **Anna Ivanova:** My question is mostly concerned about the accuracy of the interactive maps when identifying the bus routes.

- **Wayne Thompson:** The maps online are static and are not interactive. Apple and Google are third parties. Our map is more reliable when it comes to our Mobile App.

- 06:15 | 15-minute Dinner
- 06:30 | Guest speaker

  o Ben Calabretta, director of the Center for Civic Engagement
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    - **Ben Calabretta:** The Center for Civic Engagement engages with 10,000 students with meaningful & impactful community engagement opportunities through CCE-led projects, student group service projects, cougar food pantry, pen friends, civic engagement workshops, public square discussions, service learning courses, and democratic engagement /CougVotes.

    - **Cougs Vote:** This program helps likely first-time voters engage in democratic engagement, which is a way for students to be active leaders in their community. Cougs Vote is an ongoing democratic engagement campaign to help students register to vote, stay aware of upcoming voter deadlines, and become more informed and involved with issues they're passionate about. Working specifically system-wide, work with students, faculty, and staff to help get people more in the democratic process.

    - **Important Dates:** October 28th is the deadline for voter registration in Washington, and November 5th is election day.

    - **Frequently Asked Questions**
      o Is it legal to help others get registered to vote? Yes, it is legal to help others.
      o Can a student register to vote where they attend college? Yes, you can register in your hometown OR where they attend college, but not both.
      o Does Cougs Vote promote specific Candidates? No, we are nonpartisan.

- o Can I offer incentives to get students to register to vote? No, it is illegal to offer any incentives.
- What resources are available?
  - o Cougs Vote Website: https://cce.wsu.edu/cougsvote
- How can you get involved?
  - o Ask others if they are registered to vote.
  - o Share on Social media.
  - o Student Engagement Voting Hub and help promote and volunteer.
- Vote on Campus
  - o Second Floor Cub SR. Ballroom Nov 4th, 10 AM-8 PM and Nov 5, 8 AM-8 PM.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** Is there a plan to combat potential misinformation that intends to erode trust in our elections?
- **Ben Calabretta:** There isn't a plan at this moment with the CCE, but there might be a strategy at the University level. We do have links on our website to help people find more unbiased information about what they are voting on and to help keep them up to date on the election.
- **Haden Kingray:** Is there a strategy to get more people involved in voting during primaries or mid-term?
- **Ben Calabretta:** We do help raise awareness around smaller elections, but it is more difficult due to low enthusiasm.
- **Zahra Khodverdi:** What are some of your programs for grad students to interact with the communities?
- **Ben Calabretta:** It's a great question. I mean, part of the way we interact with you. All this is when you might potentially be teaching a class that has service learning, which can be a pretty good professional development experience for you all. Another thing that we've done more intentionally. For example, with the river watersheds. Grant, who you're a part of basically, we've partnered with some faculty around campus to essentially bring community engagement more to the forefront when it comes to things like your research like, what does it mean to partner with the community? What does partnership mean? 1st of all, is it kind of laying that groundwork? And what does it mean to be a partner with the community, someone who's not WSU? How do you share goals? How do you come up with a common purpose? How do you disseminate information both in academia and in the community? So, this is, it's in its second year now, but this is just an example of how we're trying to find

ways to make sure that you all know what it means to be engaged in the community in the ways that you do like if maybe it's not through service learning like, maybe you're not taking a class that has that as part of its curriculum. But potentially, you're doing research. And potentially, you could be doing that with a community partner. So it's much more like a grad student kind of training program. And it's in it, as I said. It's in its second year. It's got a second cohort right now. And that's just one example of how we're trying to find those little ways to get in there.

- 06:45 | New Business
  - ○ Lend a Hand, Give a Can Community Food Drive Event
- ○ **Madison Honig:** Everyone, did everybody grab a flyer at the registration table that looks like this? Who's missing it? If you are, please, before you leave, be sure to grab flyers from Ashley, who worked hard to make this flyer. So thank you for doing that all right. So, after this meeting, you are going to get an email from Marwa with an email template that all you have to do is copy and paste and send to your respective departments because we are trying to recruit volunteers for our food drive. We need volunteers because that is the limiting factor of how much food we can collect. So there's going to be a variety of volunteer slots. Some of them are flexible. Some of them are not, but we want to make sure that you include this flyer in your department. You tell your department about it, and then you also email them so that we can recruit as many volunteers as we possibly can for our food drive, which is going to support the Community Action Center and the Cougar Food Pantry, which will be running from November second to 4, the 7th is when we are going to do the collection. So that'll be from 5 to 7 PM, and then on the 8th, we're going to sort all the food and then do the big delivery to the cougar food pantry and the community action center. So, if that's something that you're interested in. Please be sure to spread this message.
- ○ **Porsha Amoa-Danquah:** What are our roles?
- ○ **Madison Honig:** so, there are different roles. So we've divided them up. So 1st is advertising. Which means that you're going to get a packet, and you're going to have to deliver flyers and paper bags to the individual routes that you get assigned. So you'll get assigned one route, and that's to let the community members know to put food in the bag. Then there's the collection, which is when folks are going to go from 5 pm. To 7 pm, you're going to get a route. All of you are going to be in one car, and you're going to go collect those bags from the front porches, and then what you're going to do on the 8th is going to be sorting. So we have to sort the food and the other items into different categories. And then we're going to split everything in half, basically for the community action center and the cougar food pantry. So you can sign up for one or more of those slots depending on your availability and the like. The flyer distribution is very flexible. So you can distribute on any one of these days. You just have to pick up your packet, and then you can distribute it at your own time. I guess. Yeah, it's all described on the registration form. Does that sound? Okay? All right. I need your help to advertise this. So please send this out. And we will send out that email template.

- Program Committee Update:
- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** So this is an update about the programming committee like, I think you all are looking to the GPSA socials like Instagram and Facebook. You might know about our Halloween event coming on Saturday. So we are going to organize Halloween festival events on can open it. So this is our Halloween events flyer, and you all are invited to the Halloween event at, etc. Bravo! Which will be from 9 to 11 and following. Yeah. And next Friday we have restaurant Friday as well. And just to look at the flyers and GPS socials like Instagram and Facebook accounts. And I think, like, you might get a slight email as well. Thank you.
- **Marwa Aly:** Can I bring my kids?
- **Redwan Ahmad Khan:** Probably not.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** We should reduce the number of lecturers or professors we invite to teach us about things that are happening on campus and focus on concentrating on things that affect our constituents. Also, when are we getting the swags?
- **Ashley Dickerson:** If you don't know me, I'm an office assistant for GPSA about the swags. They are coming in next week, so you guys will most likely get a swag bag within the coming weeks, probably the next GPSA meeting rather than a meeting.

- 07:00 | 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:

- Organized GPSA Executive Board meeting
- Organized GPSA Executive Team meeting

Meeting attended:

- Meeting with Faculty senate
- Meeting with Interim Vice-Chancellor
- Meeting with AVCs
- Virtual SGC steering meeting
- Meeting with ASWSU DOLA
- Meeting with ASWSU President
- Meeting with ASWSU vice president
- Meeting with Programming Committee chair

- o   Meeting with IAC chair
- o   Meeting with PDI chair
- o   Meeting with the S&A committee
- o   Meeting with the Awards & Scholarships Committee chair
- o   Meeting with the Graduate school regarding Research exposition and academic showcase

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

Task Completed:

- o   Prepare the senate agenda.
- o   The budget plan for 2024-2025 was approved by the Senate.
- o   Open the RSO Spring affiliate fund application.

Meeting Attended

- o   Meeting with AVCs.
- o   RSO meetings as requested.
- o   CUB advisory board.
- o   WSU SGC meeting.
- o   Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- o   Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
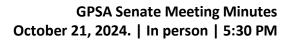- o   Budget committee meetings

Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Chair of Legislative Affairs– Tathagata Pal;
gpsa.vpla@wsu.edu

Task Completed:

- o   At the City level, working with WSU TAG to get the Figure-8 bus route
- o   At the State level, working on a budget proviso to create a task force for childcare support survey
- o   At the State level, working on a bill to incorporate graduate and professional students for WCC work exemption
- o   Created the GPSA Legislative Agenda for state advocacy and passed it through Senate
- o   Shared the GPSA LA with the WSU SGC
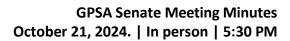- o   Worked with the GPSA LAC members to create the review article on initiatives on the ballot in WA

Meeting Attended:

- o   Weekly GPSA executive team meeting
- o   Weekly GPSA executive board meeting

- o SGC legislative affairs meetings

- o Meeting with WSAC to discuss basic needs support from the state
- o GPSA LAC Meeting

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

- o Conducted New Senators' Orientation
- o Resolved several issues (accommodation requests, communications, etc.)
- o Sent out a call for nominating the VPLA
- o Sent out a call for volunteers for the Special Nomination Committee
- o Sent out the contact list of the department coordinators to the

Meeting attended:

- o Attended Senators' Meeting
- o Met with the Graduate School Leadership Team
- o Attended Exec Board Meeting

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

Task Completed:

- o GPSA Website Updates - Dissertation Grant, RSO Funding
- o Developing a University Committee Webpage for GPSA
- o Collecting teaching resources for students.
- o Promotion of Dissertation Grant and RSO Funding
- o Promoted PDI events
- o GPSA Restaurant Friday documentation/Promotion
- o Promotion of GPSA Social events

Meeting attended:

- o Bi-weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- o GPSA Communication Team Meeting

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

Tasks Completed:

- o Updating the university committees
- o Doing the follow-up with the representatives

- o Reaching out to university committees without our representatives

Meeting attended:
- o Executive Board meeting
- o The Senate Meeting

Chair of Community Affairs Affair- Madison Honig; gpsa.community@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:

- o Completed flyer and registration forms for the Community Food Drive
- o Review Lauren McCluskey's participation and financial contribution
- o Planning for Spring semester collaboration with Phoenix Conservancy to use remaining supplies
- o Planning for Thanksgiving/Halloween participation from Community Affairs

Meetings attended:
- o GPSA Executive Board Meetings
- o Meeting with Lend a Hand, Give a Can Community Food Drive
- o Community Affairs Committee Meeting
- o Meeting with the Programming Committee about Halloween/Thanksgiving
- o Meeting with Basic Needs Navigator and Ninh Khuu about Food Security

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

Tasks Completed:
- o Completed Fall 1 travel applications. Awardees have been contacted. Currently working with awardees and the finance department on reimbursement.
- o Correspondence with students, departmental travel coordinators, and the finance team
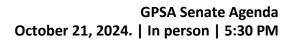- o Filtering of submitted applications for Fall 2
Meetings attended:
- o Pullman Police Advisory Committee
- o Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
- o Weekly office hours (online)

Chair of Awards and Scholarships – Joseph Akowuah: gpsa.scholarships@wsu.edu

Tasks Completed:
- o With the A & S committee, we have opened and begun accepting applications for dissertation grants (DG).
- o Together with committee members and the Chair of Communications, we have adjusted the rubric for DG and edited and updated the GPSA webpage for DG.

o   Planning has begun for the Research Expo and Excellence Awards.

Meetings attended:
o   Met with Academic Showcase to discuss GPSA collaboration on Research Expo.
o   Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
o   Weekly office hours
o   Biweekly committee meeting.
o   Met with Academic Showcase this week to discuss the organization of Research Expo.

Chair of Programming- Md Redwan Ahmad Khan; gpsa.programming@wsu.edu
   Tasks Completed:
o   Completed Planning and paperwork for GPSA Halloween Night on October 26th at ETSI Bravo.
o   Completed Planning and paperwork for Nover Restaurant Friday, November 1st, at Ramen.
o   Completed Planning for GPSA Friendsgiving on November 20th.
   Meetings attended:
o   Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
o   Biweekly committee meeting.
o   Meeting with Halloween event planning committee.
o   Meeting with Community affairs to plan GPSA Friendsgiving.
o   Weekly office hours

Chair of Professional Development Initiative- Sajjad Uddin Mahmud; gpsa.pd@wsu.edu
   Tasks Completed:
o   Event completed:
   ▪   A Graduate Student's Guide to the Career Expo
   ▪   Networking with Handshake and LinkedIn: Graduate's Road Map
   Meetings attended:
o   Weekly GPSA executive board meeting
o   Weekly PDI executive meeting
o   Biweekly senate committee meeting.