



SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 3, 2025		In-person		CUB Junior Ballroom
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5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Remote access | Zoom

05:30

Call to Order

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Haden Kingery: I motion to approve the GPSA meeting minutes for 2/24/2025.

- **Andrew Sutherland:** Second
- **Approval of the GPSA Minutes for 2/24/2025**
 - Yes: 40
 - No: 1
 - Abstain: 0

Approval of the Agenda

Augustine Attah: I motion to approve the agenda for 3/3/2025.

- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** Second
- **Approval of the GPSA Agenda for 3/3/2025**
 - Yes: 47
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

05:35

New Business		2025-2026 Executive Board Candidate Debate
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05:40

President & Vice President Pair		5 Minutes Presentation Time
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Candidate 1		President Desmond Nanayaw Aboagye
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- **Desmond Nanayaw Aboagye:** I was born in Ghana, in West Africa, and my background and experience particularly in resources management has been the key driver in all the offices that I have taken over. And so if I get elected, the focus will be on using whatever resources that's available to the maximum the graduate student experience. And you can see the direction of this mindset from the swags you're getting today. Hopefully, this will become very useful, because these are some of the things that everybody uses every day. I believe that if you want to be elected as the president of any organization at all, it is important for you to have some background that is very relevant and so I've listed here only a few of the experiences that truly matter, but when it comes to student governance, it started for me back in primary school. I was Boy's Prefect in primary school, Boy's, Prefect in Junior High School and High School and I was the president for my department's student organization when I was in college. I became the National Vice President for our student organization and I went on to become the Vice President of Finance in Africa. So, when it comes to background and experience, I can assure you that

I've done some things that would be very helpful when you elect me as the next President. In the context of leadership, it is also important to have others approve of what you are doing and how relevant it is and so here in WSU when I served as the Vice President for the Biology Graduate Student Association, my assurance for a good work done was that I was awarded Exceptional Service Award because of what I was able to use the small resources that was available to us to accomplish. I know that taking the office comes responsibilities and so here I have highlighted a few of the things I hope to accomplish under my tenure, I have much more outlined and detailed of the candidate webpage. The 1st item on my agenda is going to be fundraising, because I can tell you now that we are fighting so hard to keep dissertation grants because the funding that GPSA receives from S&A allocations cannot fund our dissertation grant as it is now. We need to raise funds from colleagues, departments, alumni, and wherever possible and this is going to be the key goal during my term as the GPSA President. The next thing that I am also very passionate about is academic and professional development, and this was one of the key areas that earned me the award during my Vice Presidency at the Biology Graduate Students Association, because I led the organization of the Symposium. So what I intend to do is to establish a cross-border research sharing collaborations, and I have already reached out to some of my colleagues who are in other schools in England and Japan, and I am looking for us to have at least 2 universities that we can form alliances with, to create a system where some of our students can travel there to share their research and vice versa. Next item is student health, and in the last meeting of this month I have invited representatives from our student health insurance providers and the cougar Health Services to enlighten us our current benefits and some of the keyways we can enhance those benefits. I have mentioned Housing and graduate student housing support already when I ran for the position that I am in now, but I would like to mention again, this is a simple initiative that can provide a lot of resources for incoming graduate students. These ideas I have already worked together with my running mate to refine them, and if we get elected as the President and Vice President, we will work together towards these goals. So, I believe that together, Rose and I will be probably one of the best that you've had so far if you elect us. Thank you for your time and I'm open to questions.

Candidate 2 | Vice President
Golrokh Maleki

Ph.D. Candidate, Language, Literacy, and Technology Education College of Education

- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** Hi, everyone! It's a great pleasure to be standing here as a candidate for vice President. I'm a 4th year. PhD. Candidate in language, literacy, and technology. And it's the 3rd year that I'm representative of college, of education and the GPSA I acknowledge all the privileges I had and excuse me. All those privileges brought me here to this Senate, working with wonderful people as you and others. What I want to emphasize is the power of community, and how it connects everyone together. It was the 1st time that I was taking care of not only myself and my family, but the people whom I see in the streets, in my college, and different events at WSU, and it was the 1st time that I was listening to their concerns, what they need, what they want and how they can be empowered to work and achieve what they want to. I want to emphasize; I really believe in pedagogy of hope. I don't think that hoping for something is enough. Hoping also means working toward achieving it. But it doesn't work. It doesn't happen in isolation. It needs lots of different skills, abilities, and love to come together to be the essence of what we really do when we are representing others. The cultural representation is very important. We should be aware each moment that we are not talking for ourselves only, but we are considering all the people in our department and outside our department. So, what I

can talk about is. I really think, about professional development for our senators. Sometimes in Senate meetings. It happens that we don't have the same opinion about something, but there are some Senators who don't know how to share their opinion or may not feel safe or may feel challenged. And I think we need to increase awareness about cultural differences. How we can work together to make that communication across cultures and across borders meaningful, so that everyone is thriving instead of just surviving and also, we have many resources at WSU, but connecting the students with the right resource and sharing the awareness of having them, is the most important thing. I don't think that we should help people just come to voice. We should empower them so that their voice is heard and is shared with others. If we give them something, they may feel entitled to have it back and this is what we don't want, and I'm a great advocate for basic needs. It was my 3rd year that I was traveling to Olympia to talk to Senators and Representatives for it, and it's a great pleasure to feel and understand and talk to those who have concerns about food, housing, and childcare. Thank you so much for this time.

Questions & Answers for President & Vice President Pair

- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** Looking at the fact that the Trump administration is strongly against DEI initiative, how are you hoping to keep it running?
- **Desmond Nanayaw Aboagye:** I think that it is important. Anyways, it is important to encourage diversity, not only diversity of appearance, diversity of ideas, opinions, these are how we build together. So, whatever is happening at a federal level for me. What I think the issue is how we are letting that be the lead instead of letting that be an okay. So, we will still encourage diversity of representation when it comes to GPSA and I. And I understand that there is the term diversity, equity, and inclusion, that some changes may happen to it, but not the fact that the different kinds of people with different opinions are coming together to work towards the same goal. So, we maintain that.
- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** And I want to emphasize that the new president of WSU, although there are too many Federal changes in terms, and you know how to be working on them. They emphasize that we are not going to change the direction of the university, because we have all these people from different countries, and we need some sense of community and to create it, we need workshops and all of it. She emphasized that even if we use other terms instead of these terms, we are still doing the same thing, and we don't know what to use instead of those terms right now. But as soon as WSU give us new terms and see how to address them. We will do this, but the concept will be the same 1st off.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** What is your general strategy that you're planning to go into within this coming year when it comes to housing security?
- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** So, I want to emphasize that rising prices is not something that's happening only for WSU housing, but when we are meeting with our Senators and Representatives we can put a cap on it. And this is what we have been advocating for that. The raise, for example, won't be more than 4%. But housing doesn't mean we are just talking about prices, the quality of that housing. What we've received, the feedback from graduate students that we receive in communicating with housing is not that positive? And we are working with leadership to make sure that our students are heard. There are some LGBTQIA+ community who could not have access to stay in university housing, or some who were not married legally, and were denied having access to housing. So, all of those are our concern. I can't talk about housing prices at all, because we have only one representative, and it goes to board of Regent before it is approved. So, we can be there, we, as A, as having one representative, we have limited control over what is happening in the whole nation and in the whole world. But we'll do our best to at least advocate and change the parts that we can.

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- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** Is there's anything you want to do differently when it comes to raising fees? We don't want to pay for every little thing without a change in the system every time.
- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** I want to emphasize that doing something differently, simply because of the nature of doing different things doesn't matter to us as representative. We should know that there are too many students who depend on buses and transportation and that little amount of money is nothing compared to the hardship that they may experience if we don't agree with that. When I joined GPSA they just, they said no to transportation again and again, and I believe, considering the condition and situations of that time, they thought it was the best decision for them, but I believe, when we have conversation with the Executive Board, and considering the feedback we received from our students, we don't want to just say no, because we disagree with any kind of increase in prices. We want to be in line. They are our community, right? We look at them as people who have done who are running this business. And I really want to emphasize that we should have that feeling of gratitude towards them. We can always ask for more and ask for improvements, but necessarily saying No, to all increase in little increase in prices doesn't mean we are disappointing our and sequence, or we should do things differently. I want to emphasize that we need to keep that system for our students if we want to improve it. And this is what I suggested 2 years ago. When I, 3 years ago, when I just joined that. Tell us how much you need to improve this system, and let us think about it, and the amount, of course, will be more than it. But we are not still there. If you, I and you know people sitting here and leadership and people whom you represent really want to improve it, we should be logical. And look at how we can do it, based on the money that we can ask our graduate students to pay. I want to acknowledge what I said was not only what I believe in, I'm the chair of university affairs. I'm the person who's all the complaints and concerns and questions come to. I did it with all my confidence that that little change does not make any big changes for me. Who has a car, or some of you who have a car, but people who depend on it will be suffering. And this is not what we want.
- **Joseph Akowuah:** I was wondering if you were thinking about exploring other avenues, and you talked about Japan very, very dreamy. So, do you have any other big ideas to like? Get more funds for GPSA?
- **Desmond Nanayaw Aboagye:** I mentioned right fundraising, and we have at least some forms of help desk a scheme of what we did about 2 years ago. To raise a little bit of fund. What we are planning to do is to work on it and build more, because if I tell you the dreams is even bigger than just Japan. So, we want to really work hard towards fundraising. I think that we can. We can really raise some amount of money that will be significant. And then we can change our fortunes for a lot of the things that we want to do, including travel grants.
- **Haden Kingery:** I'm very curious about when going forward as President, vice President, if you see any role for GPSA to align itself or work with the Union more, or

about the same? Or what do you see yourselves in your roles and in your capacities as GPSA President, vice President in working with the Union?

- **Desmond Nanayaw Aboagye:** I think the difficulty is that GPSA does not only represent graduate students, but you also know. It's also professional students, and even in the in the graduate student group, not all, all of us are systems, and so the Union will be representing only those who are getting like assistantship, so it's always a blend between. We are there to promote it, because a lot of our members are part of the Union. I am part of the Union, so we are there to promote it and promote its activities. However, it is very hard, and I picked this from the previous executives. It's very hard to come out and stand with. So, we are still working with the Union, and currently we are looking to have a slot for reps and I know that you sent me that email so that we can have the union. Come, talk to us about some of the things that they are doing and how graduate student can get involved, you know. But it is very hard to for GPSA to come out as a strong advocate for the Union. I believe both Union and GPSA have the same mission and vision.
 - **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** It's very important for me. There are many graduate students whom I must reach out to Ninh and Beatrice and many people from union, because I cannot help them this effect. We have some resources, and union has some other resources. I believe it's very important to cooperate in our capacity and see how we can increase those cooperations.
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06:00

Vice President of Legislative Affairs

| 5 Minutes Presentation Time

Candidate 1

| Ali Maleki

Ph.D. Student, EECS

Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture Q & A: 8 mins

- Ali Maleki:** I'm Ali Maleki. Current Vice President of Legislative Affairs, and I'm happy here to be here with you. After almost 2 months of lobbying on behalf of graduate and professional students in Olympia. So, a little about me, I'm PhD. Student in electrical engineering, working on renewable energy sources. I was teacher, assistant in EECS, getting the reward of best TA of EECS. Also, I volunteered in international office to work as peer mentor. I worked as a Senator of Department of EECS for past 2 years in different committees, legislative affairs, awards and scholarships, a students and University Affairs committee, but in last 2 months I had the opportunity to work with couple of people. We organized Cook Day, one of the most successful cook days we had with the greatest number of meetings for cooks to talk about their priorities, but also we had graduate Lobby Day for the 1st time in Washington State. We had the graduate Lobby Day and this one was focusing only on graduate students, priorities. Good news. We have another one in April. I will announce it at the end of the meeting. Please try to attend that one and also, I was legislative as committee chair in past 2 months when I came here a few months ago talked about my priorities that I want to advocate for graduate students. It was very hard to achieve, but I worked. We worked with my peers in Washington State Association. On many of them. I brought the bill numbers as you can check them online if you want more details or I can explain them, but just the overview. We had childcare bills to cover the childcare fee for graduated students. One other good thing that we have already in the budget for next fall is graduate loan program. It will assort next fall and graduate student can receive up to \$20,000 loan per year, and the interest rate is less than 2.5%. So, these are the things that I was lobbying on in past 2 months, housing security. You talked about housing security. We had a bill to limit the rent increase per year. Sexual assault also is an important issue. We have a bill to increase the support for people who was in that situation. And can you believe in Washington State? If you will? If you are in a protest, the University can cut your financial aid. We have a bill to remove that law. It's unbelievable for me to not on just on a state level, on Federal level and city level. I worked. So, you know, the President, new President made some issues. So, we're recreating the Us. Student Association. There is a lobby day on the end of March. I'm trying to attend there to lobby for Federal grants that it is important for all the graduate students and talking about the graduate student priorities in Federal level in city level. Last week you talked about the You agreed on increasing the fee. I heard that ASWSU also agreed on that. So next week we have a meeting with Pullman transit. I will bring up the I have priorities that we have increased services, create merge route and services on the weekends based on the things that we discussed. These are the priorities that I will be brought to them. And finally. Mia and my committee members in legislative affairs are here to know about your priorities for next year. bitter connections, and the knowledge that I have in. So, I ran a lot in the House Hall in the Senate Hall to talk about the things that is important for us. Thank you and go cougs.
- Andrew Sutherland:** You made the point about like improving housing security. What do you specifically mean by that. And how are you going to be doing it differently than previous years?
- Ali Maleki:** So, for this year we have a bill that is running right now in the House. It's states that the rent increase will be limited by 4%, and it is statewide. So, you know, in other cities rather than Pullman the increase of the rent will be much higher, but next year I will try to work in city level, too, so it is a state level. I cannot do a lot more on the State level,

because people in Seattle cannot agree to limit that rent increase. But in Pullman there is a capacity to work on the limitation of rent increase each year. Because, you know, a student doesn't get increasing their salary each year. So why should we pay a lot more each year here.

- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** My question you took the position not long ago. Is there any challenge that you faced that you think going forward.
- **Ali Maleki:** you know, if you get elected at the start of the year, you have the whole summer to talk to. Other people learn about this position. Learn about how bills are going through House and Senate, but I got the position in January. Everything was fixed, so I should have run to Olympia talking about our priorities and learn things a lot faster than it should be, but I think I overcome. You know you can see the list that I worked on. I tried my best, making the connections as soon as possible with my peers. Also, you know, we are not alone. Peers from University of Washington. Peers from ASWSU peers from Central Eastern Washington University. A lot of people are working over there. So, I made connection with them and with the different Congress people, Senate people. So that was a challenge. But I tried my best and just mention one thing wearing tie. Every day was bigger pain.
- **Ajay Barman:** If you are selected as a VPLA for the next year, will you be able to stay in Olympia and advocate for graduate student?
- **Ali Maleki:** So, I stayed almost 2 months this year. So, when I made sure that everything is going as it should be. I came back. But I'm okay to go back anytime. I'm just here for a couple of meetings and, you know, we have a meeting with Pullman transit. That's important for us, because we agreed to increase the fee, and we should ask them about our priorities. So I will be here for a few weeks, but after that, and we have the Federal lobby day. I should see if you have enough money. I signed up for that, but I should look at the budget. If you have enough money, I will travel there by end of March in DC. To lobby. It's important year for us, because we have new President and, as, as I mentioned, I worked on renewable energy sources. I know many of your funds are in danger, so we must be there. We must talk, and for next year, definitely, I will be there in Olympia.
- **Ricardo Rivero:** Can you expand on the rather loan so specifically? So, what are you doing, for example, to bring this into the attention of the legislators, and also what they use for these loans? Is it only for tuition. And what happens with people that have assistantships, for example?
- **Ali Maleki:** So, the thing that I worked on 1st we brought up. So, the budget was important. This is not a good budget year. This is not a good budget year for a State, so they are cutting many things. At 1st we proposed 150 million dollars, but they agreed on 18 million dollars about the terms. Who is eligible? So, estates will provide information to the University in next 2 months and the universities in Washington State all over Washington State. They will provide who is eligible for this. So, we talked about this loan over there among the budget that we have about the interest rates. So, the good thing is, the interest rate is so low. But finally, the University will decide who is eligible for that, but it is dedicated for graduate students, so it will somehow be paid to the graduate students. I don't think there should be any restriction on that. We didn't talk about restrictions, but university at the end, I think by end of April University will decide, and will announce how they can spread this loan.
- **Shae Ortega:** So, along with protester protections, would you be willing to expand those protections, to support freedom of press and free speech as well on campus? And what would that look like for you?
- **Ali Maleki:** You know, each year we are open to hear about your priorities and during the summer I have time to talk about anything that is important for you this year. One of our friends in ASWSU. You noticed that there is a law that university can cut the

financial aid of students who are actively present in a protest. We had a protest last year. We didn't. University, luckily, didn't use that law, but we could have lost that but for next year. Yes I will look in the Laos in anything that is available to see if there is a way to improve any that anything can be improved for graduated student. I will look for that, and I will invite all of you to come to me and my committee members to talk about that. Give me some more information, because maybe I missed some points. But I'm open to work on that during the summer. I will have time. Talk about it with my peers in other university, and next year we will work on that.

Candidate 2 | Destiny Brokaw
Ph.D. Candidate, School of Biological Sciences College of Arts and Sciences
Q & A: 8 mins

- **Destiny Brokaw:** I am Destiny, Broca, and I'm going to give you a little background about myself. I have been a GPSA. Senator for about 2 and a half years, which I have thoroughly enjoyed just advocating for my department, including Vet. Med. Who did not have a Senator at the time. I am a PhD. Candidate in the school of Biological Sciences. I do my research on a group of Hawaiian plants which has been a lot of fun to partake in a little bit more about me. I have had extensive leadership positions over the past 8 years, including several positions as president, treasurer, information officer, community outreach. And now I'm serving as a faculty representative where I'm advocating for students within my department, to our faculty. I am a huge advocate for your community, and serving, and likewise as Desmond, wherever he went. I also received the excellence in community service award. I truly believe that serving our community trickles down to benefit society. However, as you know, with current events in our federal administration, a lot of us are under attack, and I really believe that this is an essential time to be able to advocate for our students so ways that I want to do that here are some local ideas that I have. I recently went with Senator Hayden Kingrey, and we met with the Mayor of Pullman, and he has said that he would be happy to work with me. Elected or not, we had an extensive list of ways to improve Pullman. But here are just some ideas that I have, of course, expanding on transportation services as we spoke about last week. Campus accessibility can look in different ways, whether that's getting access to campus or even just resources for disabilities on campus, national midterm election awareness. This is going to be essential in this coming year, as we move into national elections for midterm. So that way we can have a say in both the House and the Senate at a national level, affordable housing, working with the Pullman City Council to look at zoning options, to be able to allow for more construction of housing and to hopefully decrease the Median cost of housing pedestrian, friendly initiatives. This is something I spoke about with our mayor recently and about Butte Street, and that got taken care of in like 2 days. So, I'm hoping we can continue to find ways to make walking on campus or to campus and across Pullman more beneficial. And then, of course, I would love to collaborate with the diversity, equity, inclusion, and Accessibility Committee of our city at a State, of course, continuing advocacy for the 1873 bill that is currently being worked on working on health care and mental health support, advocating for more funding at a state level, working on those F 2 international student visas, and then, of course, more affordable housing initiatives, like the rent capping myself has had issues with that, and then advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion. This is something that I know that is essential to so many of us on campus and finding ways that we can find funding and support at the State and national level will be essential in this time. Of course, at the Federal level, I know with research funding, a lot of us probably have our grants online. I know several that are
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in this position and could potentially be in this position. So, this is something that we need to be strategic about, of course, working more on diversity, equity, inclusion, and then title IX and anti-discrimination policies. This can also be interchangeable at the state level. So, constituents will always be 1st in this. We can always have our say independently in what we think. But this is always going to be looking at our students and what their priorities are. And I want to do that by facilitating Town Hall meetings, making zoom and online options to make it more accessible, doing some anonymous forms, surveys and polls, and even tabling events, where students can partake in signing petitions, etc., to have their voice heard previously. I have not really seen that action in the VPLA position, and that's something that I would like to advance forward. Previously I've had training at Coug Day, my background being in Texas, I have worked with a lot of these legislators that would most likely oppose our policies and legislation issues. So, I believe that will give me leverage in those conversations. And then, of course, I have many connections in Washington, DC. That would allow me to stay in DC. Without putting fund issues on GPSSA And that being said. I think I'm running out of time, but I'd be so happy to take more questions from you. Thank you.

- **Andrew Sutherland:** You made the point about like improving housing security. What do you specifically mean by that. And how are you going to be doing it differently than previous years?
- **Destiny Brokaw:** So, I think, especially at the local level. There are restrictions within zones and so, I think, moving those zones and providing in faculty input that have expertise on that could be beneficial to allowing us to move forward in a direction on a local level, and then again at a state level. Looking at those rent caps. I, since I've been here, have received \$150 increases a month on my rent. So, I think that is something that we need to continue to advocate for and potential other initiatives that could be begun or supported.
- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** My question is, what do you aim to do with the international student visas?
- **Destiny Brokaw:** So yes, yes, no, that's exactly so. That's also an interchangeable thing that can be done at a State and a Federal level. So I put State because I know there's a lot of chaos at the Federal level right now, and what the State can do is that we can provide initiatives to where we can hopefully provide scholarships and grants for those who are on an F2 visa to hopefully provide like emergency funding is my idea and proposal, and to be able to also create, like a coalition of legislators that can go and propose that at a Federal level and give us more leverage at the Federal level.
- **Joseph Akowuah:** How are you going to manage being away from campus for multiple months?
- **Destiny Brokaw:** So, all my field work, all of my lab work is done. So, all I have to do is analyses online, which is great. This was a picture of me at the Smithsonian in DC this summer. So, I actually lived in Washington, DC. For 2 and a half months and so I am okay with living in Olympia, and then also extended periods in DC. Since I know many scientists there, I can stay extended periods time with them to be able to advocate also at the Federal level for the records.
- **Niyi Ogunkoya:** If you come here to tell all these gentlemen, ladies and people sitting here that you want to do something about F2 visas and stuff like that? Aren't you telling us something you will not be able to achieve in 10 years. I mean, like, I'm just curious.
- **Destiny Brokaw:** No, that's why I wanted to advocate at the State level. So, I knew the Federal level is going to take a lot of time, and I remembered your comment from a previous the previous election we had with Desmond and Ali. So, I wanted to think about

that. And that's why I thought about the State level funding, because I thought that would be a way that we could potentially have more progress for the meantime for students that are here, because Federal is probably going to take a long time to get that done, especially with our current administration. I think it would also be beneficial with these town halls bringing coalition of international students together to be able to talk about these things. I do also believe I have a leverage for these legislators, because, as an American student, I do vote for these legislators, and I think showing that their constituents that are voting for them are also advocating for international students is important for them to see.

- **Ali Maleki:** I was just wondering you mentioned working childcare connection Bill, that I worked on. So, you mentioned extending that I just want to get an idea if either of us got selected. I want to know what you want to do with that.
- **Destiny Brokaw:** I was just wondering you mentioned working childcare connection Bill that I worked on. So, you mentioned extending that I just want to get an idea if either of us got selected. I want to know what you want to do with that.
- **Madison Hönig:** What strategies are you interested in employee given that we have learned that in our role as state employees we cannot use state resources (i.e. emails) for lobbying?
- **Destiny Brokaw:** That's something I was wanting to propose, especially in these Town Hall meetings and different avenues. To be able to speak with students is to provide educational opportunities for students to know how they can go forward in protesting or advocating on different levels of government. As you know, a lot of us are state employees and we aren't allowed to use our WSU emails to send out lobbying emails. And there's a lot of things that students probably are not aware of so providing that educational format and platform, maybe even working with the communications team for GPSA to provide that information for them, to be able to educate the student body on that
- **Shae Ortega:** So as international students find themselves in more compromised positions, especially with potential lapses in their visas during your efforts at the State level. Do you also intend to work towards local protections within the university?
- **Destiny Brokaw:** No, certainly I would love to work with the Administration, especially on specific policies, I know. Like even this. Last Friday, they had a deadline to be able to make a decision on Dei and other policies, especially with our federal administration. So, I think working with the Administration and even potentially with the Union on these issues would be essential.

Candidate 3 |

Arpita Sinha

Ph.D. Student, Anthropology College of Arts and Sciences Q & A: 8 mins

- **Arpita Sinha:** I am Arpita Sinha. And some of you guys here might know me from my working with GPSA closely for last 5 years. 1st 2 years as a 1st year, as a senator, then as a college rep for communication. Then I went back, being a Senator, served as an LSE. Committee, but those of you who doesn't know which quite a many of you might not. I'm a PhD. Student, and I am from the Department of anthropology and my work is kind of related to what my interest here in LSE committee is. It has a lot to do with exploring gender labor, health work, intersection of equity, worker rights, institutional policy. And as I'm approaching towards the maturation of my PhD. work. I see more and more involved into doing what I do, and hence, being in this committee for last 2 years has been one and a half years running and completing 2 years in the committee has been exceptionally an eye-opening and learning, and an extremely useful path for me, I would say, and as I have mentioned here, my areas of research if I could align that with my passion of advancing students, well-being and systemic changes within the university level and beyond. There is nothing like it currently my research that I'm kind of expanding does the policies in the workforce level, and all of

that which again in the LSE allows me to expand further. I have again. I have highlighted a few of the things in a 1-page poster kind of a thing, because I think for this position I would like to highlight, even though serving in the communication committee, both as a college rep and as a Senator, has been immensely helpful for me to understand the structure of GPSA overall, but for this position, when I am trying to get your vote for me to be elected for this, I would highly like to leverage my position that I have been in the LSE Committee my 1st year. I would like to give a huge shout out to the then LSE committee chair PAL, which many of us might know I have been going. There was, there would always be that open call of whoever wants to go, and I had somehow squeezed in time to be able to go to Ellensburg, Olympia, outside of Cougs Day, being able to do the committee day, and being able to have a direct contact with the coalitions, which is WSA. Washington Student Association. WASEC, a Washington Student Achievement Council. All of this is a huge part of my learning, and to expand that has got me a lot more engaged in what I do. Which kind of got me the Senator of the year award, which again, doesn't say anything much, because all of us we put in a lot of hard work. That is only an added boost for me to work harder for the next year, which is why I'm also working in the same committee. I would like to congratulate Ali, our current committee chair for putting up an excellent work in the in the middle of the academic year, so, as he correctly pointed out, he might have missed out on a lot of things, but he's doing an excellent job, and as a committee we are trying to do the best we can. I do not want to highlight the different things which is already mentioned in our website. But of course, we all know that there are 3 major things that needs to be to be addressed. One is the state level. One is the community level. One is the state level, and one is the Federal level. The year before PAL was being PAL went to the Federal level, lobbying as well after a very long time, and in the State level we all have been very like. We have been actively involved in the COUG day and for the state level, we have been doing a lot in terms of the transit. We also had a program where we were the like house watches, and all of that. So, anything, which is a pertinently to the issue that is needed at that hour we pick that up. So again. One thing I don't know how much time I left. I thought I would just put a timer. I did not 1 min. Okay. One thing I would like to say that you know this is going to be a collaborative effort. I might not have all the answers that all the questions to the answers that you might need from me, but I will diligently follow it up, because I know how important it is. We are standing at a very, very crucial time where the advocacy is needed more than ever. If I if my time is over, I would like to use my question-and-answer timing to sort of answer what I've missed out in my presentation. Thank you for your time.

- **Andrew Sutherland:** You made the point about labor rights, could you go more in-depth about what you want to specially want to do?
- **Arpita Sinha:** Honestly, I would like to clarify that. You know the labor and labor relationship is the part of the job that I do, which is in respect to the workforce. And what are the policies that's implemented? That was in context to what I do. And I feel like my current area where I work. It might be a useful tool for me to bring it to what we are already doing. I do not think, after I've had the experience of the last 2 years. I do not want to say that you know I'm going to go and change everything. I am here to make sure that whatever has been on track is going forward, and whatever needs to be brought into attention at this hour needs to be brought into this attention. So, I would like to clarify about the labor relationship part is about my academic research.

And I feel like that kind expands and helps me to do my job in the LSE as a VPLA would be there if that makes sense.

- **Edmund Larbi Afari:** So, gleaning from past VPLA did, what do you think you can do differently and is there something that's they didn't do well, that you think you can correct?
- **Arpita Sinha:** Oh, my answer here would be I would be I would take forward to what has already been done. I don't think I'm in the position to correct anything, but I think when I have all the transition documents. I think I would like to take all the pointers that has already been on track, and I would bring my unique expertise to make sure that what I can do and make sure that you know I do my best. Honestly, I don't think I'm in the best position to sort of, you know, Judge, that because I'm also in the LSE committee, and I think we do our best to sort of, you know. Put that together. And having said that PAL did an exceptional job for one and a half years, I've learned a lot from him, and I want to thank him. I know he's not in the Senate, but I thank him and Ali, I would like to congratulate him that you know he's doing an excellent job stepping in, and it's a collaborative work. So, for me, I think I would like to take and take a lead from then there what they have done.
- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** Which campus are you on? Since you are not attending the meetings in person.
- **Arpita Sinha:** Because of the time limitation I should have already mentioned. I'm from the Pullman campus. I'm almost there all the other time, but this is for an academic engagement that I had to be outside, so I apologize profusely and just with anticipation of that question. If I'm fully aware of the commitments that comes in the summer for the different places that I need to be there. So, I'm a Pullman campus student, and I would be available to do all of that. As I mentioned, I have a fair knowledge about how much time I need to be there to be able to do all of that.
- **Golrokh (Rose) Maleki:** Are you planning to keep your status as a graduate student for the whole academic year?
- **Arpita Sinha:** Yes, I will.
- **Destiny Brokaw:** Yes, I should be here for the next two years.
- **Ali Maleki:** Yes, I should be here for the fill year.

06:40 | Dinner Break

07:00

College Representatives | 3 Minutes Presentation Time

Candidate 1 | Joseph Akowuah
Ph.D. Student, School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs College of Arts & Sciences
Q & A: 3 mins

- **Joseph Akowuah:** I'm a PhD. Student at Political Science Department and I'm in my second year. I'm currently the Awards and Scholarship chair and College of Rep at large for the Carson college of business. I had my undergraduate education in Ghana and been engaged in student affairs and student leadership. Since then, I had my master's degree in Sweden, and I was doing international student body activities there as well. So, I've been engaged in this all throughout. One thing I'm really excited about is, I joined GPSA as a college rep who had no prior experience as a senator. So, it was very adventurous for me, and I'm very, very happy, and for what we've been able to achieve, together, especially with my Senators at the Award and Scholarship Committee, which I admired so much, whom I would like to work with again for next year. I'm looking at doing 2 things. The 1st thing is with regards to my role as the College for Arts and Sciences, and the second thing is, if I come back to GPSA, and if the President sees my expertise as worthy of serving

again as a Walton scholarship chair, I will have something for that as well. But the 1st thing that I'm much interested in is, we live in times where funding is shrinking, and because of what has happened at the Federal level, we should expect that the university is going to be cutting down budgets, and probably less fellowships, less grants, and less scholarships for graduate students. What I'm very much interested in is to, together with other college reps, and the executive board at GPSA. Try a possible bit that we can pressure our colleges, the Deans, and the faculty, and then the university leadership, to make sure that they don't reduce grants and fellowships for graduate students. But as a backup plan I would want us as GPSA as a backup plan, I would want us as GPSA to invite external organizations and foundations to come. Talk to us about external funding opportunities because a lot of universities are going to be chasing external funding opportunities. Now, if we invite them here, we can have a rapport with them, so that when WSU students apply for these external grants they can get it as a way to supplement the awards here. Dissertation grant is dying, and it's dying because it's coming out of the gift account, and the gift account is not sustainable as a backup plan. I am talking to Senators trying to get more feedback. If I come back, we would want to rebrand dissertation, grants and redesign it as a professional Development grant as a professional development grant separate from travel grants what the citation Grant is going to be doing in this new professional development brand category is funding anything that deems as professional development for the graduate student.

- **Andrew Sutherland:** Could you provide a little bit more detail of how that is going to be different from the status of the of the dissertation grant?
- **Joseph Akowuah:** So, the current dissertation grant is specifically jet West academic activities. We all know that the S&A fund does not support academic activities right. The University expects to use S&A funds for fun activities, professional development, chilling etc., events and stuff like that, branding and not just changing the name. But redesigning dissertation grants. As a professional development. Grant allows graduate student to argue, and when they apply that their dissertation contributes to their professional development. Right? So, by writing a dissertation, it contributes to your professional development, and as a result, the GPSA can give you 500 bucks to contribute to your dissertation right, and not necessarily giving you 500 bucks to write your dissertation as an academic endeavor. That would be quite different, and I think that would merit S&A funding because we already have a professional development initiative that the S&A funds. So, this as a grant that improves the graduate student professional development would help us provide more funds to graduate students to do their dissertation, and then it will help us keep the little money we have left in our gift account, even if we're able to do more fundraising. The gift account will not deplete faster because dissertation grants is not feeding of it.
- **Augustine Attah:** Can you share with the Senate how you know the specifics when it comes to the evaluation process for the excellence award?
- **Joseph Akowuah:** I think last year one of the issues that the Awards and Scholarship Committee had. Was it put together? It put together nomination grade. So, for example, if you are self-nominated, there's a score you get if you're nominated by your friends, there's a score you get, and if you're nominated by faculty when you put all these together, what it does is that it makes people who are more popular, get more points. So, people who are more popular get awards instead of people who have actually served. What we are trying to do this year is to give you the highest point in that category. Right? So, for example, if it's 1, 2, 3, and nomination from faculty is a 3, the highest point you can get is the is the 3, right? Not necessarily adding, all, like yourself, nominated your friends, nominated your faculty, nominated you. If we add that up. It gives you a higher advantage. But we're going to give you the highest score in that category. If someone nominated you from that category, what it does is that it only takes nominations as just one way and then the other

things as the things you've done, and all those things come into play. And we're also trying our best to limit to some extent how much we prioritize publications, because a lot of graduate students really suffer to publish some of your research will probably take a long time to publish depending on the field you're studying. It doesn't mean you're not a very good research assistant, right?

Candidate 2 | Malachi Chukwu
Ph.D. Student, Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education College of Education
Q & A: 3 mins

- **Malachi Chukwu:** My name is Malachi Chukwu. I am a 3rd year PhD. Student at the College of Education, currently the Senator representing the Department of Teaching and learning so initially, when I came to WSU. I wasn't interested in running for student government, but because I'm not the so I don't like talking in public. But I had to learn it. And this was because of developing self-advocacy skills. And this was due to when I came here initially in 2021 due to a follow in my department, and feeling I'm not supported. So, I had to figure out a way to self-advocate for myself and so this self-advocacy has allowed me to learn how to advocate for students. So, I'm dedicated to for student graduate student advocacy. So, the last 2 years, this is what I've done. I've been able to dedicate to representing the Department of Teaching and learning to advocating for the student. So, I've also I'm also the former president of Nigerian Student Association here. So, and not just that. But I'm just going to focus on this because I've been in me during my undergrad. I was also a leadership position at Eastern Washington University. So, my leadership position is I'm committed to ensuring equity and accessibility and student support all throughout. So, I've also had experience in executive decision making. So, what am I? What am I going to be, what have I done? So, as I mentioned so part of my. So, I've been able to raise awareness about budget cuts affecting graduate student which has led me to a current study that I'm working on looking at international graduate student and their experience. So, I'm using this my experience and also about student to as speak on their issues. So, I've also met administrators and to advocate for international graduates in my college also champion initiative for fairer travel ground which you know I've met with. The, you know many of the chairs here to advocate for graduate students. So also advocating for increased resources and access for food security program, my college. So, my goal. And if I'm elected, I hope to ensure fair access and support for funding.
 - **Augustin Attah:** I was wondering if you have a committee in mind, and what you hope to improve in that committee.
 - **Malachi Chukwu:** So, one of my goal, and which I've had conversation with you as the chair of the travel grant, one of the things that last year I had to email the GPS executive because my constituencies were denied a travel grant which was later ratified. But so, one of my goal is to if I am elected and get the opportunity to be the chair of any of the committees, including the travel, Grant. I'll be able to, from my experience to support, provide the opportunity for graduate student to be able to have Their process of applying for travel ground will be made easier.
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Candidate 3 | Zahra Khodaverdi
Ph.D. Student, Cultural Studies and Social Thought in Education College of Education
Q & A: 3 mins

- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** I'm a 3rd year. PhD, student in culture of education. I study cultural studies and social thought, education and my expertise are on colorism, which is scheme-based discrimination, and I've been on the Senate the last year. So that was a great experience for me, and I would like to extend that experience and advocate for my college, which is college of Education. A little bit about me is that I'm a teacher, and I've been teaching for last 11 years. I know that I look young, but I've been teaching for so long, and I'm an instructor of college education, and I do teach 2 sections of 301 which is learning and development. I work with pre-service teachers. They're going to be future teachers of United States and it's fun and challenging to work with undergrads. But it's fun. What else? I was the Vice President of Iranian Students Association for a year, and these are the things that I'm good at. So, I'm really good at communication. I'm very organized. So, also, I love teamwork, and I'm very flexible because I'm a teacher. I must work with students. So, I have to be like that. And I'm a very fast learner. I like to learn new things, and I think that's 1 requirement to be as one of the chairs of the committees in GPSA. So yeah, that's me.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** What is your number 1 choice for the committee you want to lead?
- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** So, my number one choice was being on the programming committee because I have the experience like being on that committee before and also I really like to plan stuff and I'm really good at it. So, I like programming and setting events. That was, that's 1 of my priorities. And the second one is the is the Grant committee, and the thing is why? Why doing the Grant Committee is because most of our students and graduate students, they really kind of have difficulties to get grants and get some financial supports, so maybe I could be changed on that.
- **Augustine Attah:** You say you're currently in the programming committee? What would you like to change?
- **Zahra Khodaverdi:** So, there are lots of things that I would like to keep the same, and I don't know if red one is here or not. But he's doing an excellent work in the programming committee, and we can see that we have a very diverse plans and programs for our graduate students. One thing that personally, I would like to change in programming committee is the number of the people that we can get to attend the events, and most of it just comes from the budget cuts that we have, and the limited budgets that we have for each event. So, if we can have like events for more than 30 people like, instead of like having only 30 people included. In that event that would be great and the second thing that I really like to include in our programming committee is to make it more accessible for all graduate students like having transportation and considering having representation for our LGBTQIA+ plus community. Also, we don't have much of accessibility for folks with disability as well.

Candidate 4 | Moazzam Ali Rind
Ph.D. Candidate, Civil and Environmental Engineering Department Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture
Q & A: 3 mins

- **Moazzam Ali Rind:** I'm a 4th year. PhD, candidate in civil and environmental engineering. I work with water resources and wildfires. So, I have been like a senator for a year now, working in a same programming committee, and I was trying to help with them. Come up with new ideas of events like, last time we had a skating event. Skating is coming up, and like we have snowshoeing, which we have not done like, you know, I'm trying to be fun here, because, like you know engineers are labeled that we are not fun people, but at some point, we are trying our best to do it anyway. So why, I'm running for this one. I feel like there's a still an opportunity where we don't like to have a good outreach. For example, if we see our nominations, and, like, you know, in the GPSA election, we have limited you know, participation or interest from our constituents and I feel like one of the reasons is like transparency and like outreach, I don't know. I feel like our website is there. It has a lot of information, but it's still we lay some like very basic things, like, for example, like a short video from every committee chair telling us about what exactly his committee is about how he, like, you know, plans things, or what are his goals for the next year? So those things like, you know, give us more transparency, and like easy access for other students to join and like and on this GPSA. So that is one of the main points. I want to like advocate when I will be rep for my college and the other one is like, you know, I haven't seen much. I don't know who the previous rep for engineering was. I haven't seen many inputs or like emails, or like at least any communication from him. So, I would like to have more communication between the Senator, and at least that should be transferred to the constituents as well. So that's what I want to like, you know, change in this one.
- **Sajjad Uddin Mahmud:** what plans do you have for the students at Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture as a college representative?
- **Moazzam Ali Rind:** So, I don't know. Like, when we are college Rep. We are just trying to take care of our committees, but as a as a representative of the college, we haven't put a lot of efforts as a constituent of the college. So, I want to like, you know, advocate that, and like, try to at least have a basic understanding of all the problems our constituents in different departments within our college is facing. So that will be not like only me, but my senators in different departments like, we have 8 departments in engineering college. So that's what I'm relying on them and try to see how we can come together and make a more comprehensive plan, for, like our students?
- **Andrew Sutherland:** What is your number 1 choice for the committee you want to lead?
- **Moazzam Ali Rind:** so, I would like to go. Either I should join PDI, or I should go with travel grants, or like I have been like on a programming committee for a while now, so I won't mind going back to that and like, extend what we were doing there.
- **Augustine Attah:** So how are you like specifically going to, you know, increase participation?
- **Moazzam Ali Rind:** So, I would like, you know, start with a very basic like, you know we need to come, sit together and talk about what, what things we can come up together, and then try to have at least monthly 1 h meeting, or something which I haven't seen on my previous. You know college Rep. I don't know whether we have it or not, because engineering is kind of yeah, I don't know. It's like I have never been communicated. So that's like, you know, that's also I can. So yeah, anyways, but so that's that was the 1st thing I would come up with, and then, if we required, I will also try to come up with small surveys to the constituents to give us ideas, what challenges they are facing and then we can, like, you know, sit together and come up with a with a plan to like, mitigate, or, like, you know, compensate with your concerns.



Candidate 5 |

Shae Ortega
Ph.D. Student, Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program
(Anthropology/PPPA)
Graduate School Q & A: 3 mins

- **Shae Ortega:** Good evening, friends and colleagues, members of the Senate. My name is Shay Ortega. I've been a student here since 2021, and during that time graduate and undergraduate students have reached out to me, largely due to my work with the cougar food pantry typically asking for help and advocacy and they express nearly universal themes, issues surrounding housing, accessibility, transportation, childcare, harassment and basic needs. And these issues are persistent and some of the most vital resources the Pullman campus has to offer go underfunded or unattended. In 2022 the issues were overwhelming to retain, so I began writing them down, and I've got a list of advocating for what bioeconomic success looks like, and how our WSU administrators can best support it. When I say bioeconomic, I mean more of a decolonized notion that views the health and wellness of students, as the driving markers of success. Accessibility to resources that promote wellness for students is not always being provided effectively, either due to lack of lack of funding or administrative focus. And over the years, these are some of the issues that were brought to me that led to conversation with WSU Admin, my colleague's amputee. Father could not visit College Hall because the only elevator had been out of order for over a month. Elevator outages are surprisingly frequent and yield little notice. The same colleague during the apple cup had to carry her father's wheelchair up many flights of steps while he used his portable crutch to drag himself up, said stairs, because nobody gave them the Ada directions to appropriate seating these are easily rectifiable accessibility issues. Additionally, we have a large international student population, and they don't have ready access to affordable food in accessible portions, which is essential because they don't qualify for Federal food benefits and funding is even more strange now. The current cost of food found on campus, on our markets are astronomical. Our low-income students and students with families previously had to travel to the furthest market from WSU family housing to access the market next to Global Scholars Hall, and if they wanted to stay on campus to use snap benefits. This was something I used every opportunity to bring up, and I'm happy to report, and I'm sure I'm unsure if it was my persistence. But the Southside Cafe now accepts snap benefits. Mental health, hotlines on campus are overwhelmed, and some students in the most critical situations cannot access essential mental health resources in a timely fashion, sometimes waiting days for help. Housing goes beyond financial impact. It also includes the interactions we, as students have with housing and maintenance. At the very least, we deserve to feel safe from bias, have stronger communication with our administrators and have clear, thorough responses to issues dealing with WSU Admin in general can be challenging, especially in the current political climate. I want to see a system of community support that starts with our leadership. So, if you're nervous or unsure about speaking with WSU Admin.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** What is your number 1 choice for the committee you want to lead?
- **Shae Ortega:** It was a hard choice, and I don't think I actually chose so community affairs, internal affairs. Student affairs I believe it was, and they were all affairs related, so I feel like I could do a lot of good work in either of those I just sort of flowed and moderately aggressive with advocacy, I think.
- **Augustine Attah:** I reached out to a dean and then inform them about a student who was being harassed and I was told that the Deans were also helpless, that there was nothing they could do to help. You know the students right, that their hands were tied.

So, if you were in that situation, what would you. I've done, you know, when you're the people who you're supposed, who is supposed to help you tell you that their hands are tied.

- **Shae Ortega:** Thank you very much for that question. Deans are not that helpless? I've done a lot of work with Jenna Hyatt in particular, before she was Dean of students, and there were a lot of complex issues that arose for many students revolving around food security issues of harassment. And honestly, it just takes hounding them and having someone to back you up. and in a couple of different cases, when I had to reach out to Deans to inform them of something egregious that had happened or needed to be attended to. I would copy in multiple people, I trusted from the community staff members faculty more of my peers who have experienced similar situations, because when you've got a community of people, your opinion is stronger and they're more willing to listen.

Candidate 6 |

Ajay Barman

Ph.D. Student, Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program Graduate School
Q & A: 3 mins

- **Ajay Barman:** Ajay announced that he is removing his name running as representative for the graduate school.
- **Andrew Sutherland:** When are you graduating?
- **Ajay Barman:** I will be here one more year.

07:40

New Business | Open Forum - Senator report

- No discussion of Senators Report

07:50

AOB

- **Andrew Sutherland:** Please promote the GPSA election amongst your fellow graduate students. I will provide you information that you can share.
- **Madison Hönig:** I would like to present the 2 events that our Community Affairs Committee has been is excited to put on. So, 1st one. We've got our serving spoons, crafting and nutritious meals on a budget. So, this is both an in person and a hybrid and a zoom event that you can register, for we're collaborating with PDI, and this event is to help you discover how to use affordable ingredients to make a nutritious meal that hits all your macros and potentially use items that you could easily find at a food pantry. So, for those of you who are remote. I'm looking at you, Mason and all the people at the extension centers. We wanted you to be a part of this, too, so there is a zoom option. You won't get to try the food, but you can make it along with us, so please attend that. Please register. And please share this, as Andrew said by word of mouth, by email, by sharing this on social media, and maybe by carrier, pigeon or carrier pelican. If you're in Honduras. So, the next event that we have is we are putting together an event for International Women's Day. This event is going to be showing the Barbie movie. We also have a very fabulous popcorn bar, but we are also going to be highlighting some speakers on campus who are working on women's issues. And this isn't meant to be a very empowering event. It's primarily being run by GPSA, but we're also collaborating with the student entertainment board. So, if you can't make it to our nutritious meal event, you should come to the movie night. It's going to be in the cub in the auditorium right downstairs, literally below your feet, and you can attend for free. And we're going to be kind of highlighting some of the themes in the film. We're super excited, and we hope that you can join us. Spread the word,

please, if I can do it all the way from here. You can do it in your departments. Okay, that's it.

- **Ali Maleki:** As I mentioned in my present presentation, we just confirmed that we have the second virtual graduate lobby day. So why should we attend? I want to give you time to scan the QR code. So why should we attend because the Senators always see me. They know what I'm telling, but they want to know how important our priority is to us. So, if you have any story about childcare. If you have any story about the loan program, if you have any story about the housing issue or anything else, it's open floor. You can just attend that. It's a virtual graduate lobby day. You can sit in your home, in your office anywhere, and as I mentioned, we can talk about anything. It's an open floor. You can talk about anything that is important for you, and when is that? It's the April 1st It's not April fool, I will assure you. But it's yeah. April 1st is the day I know it's a Tuesday, and for you a lot of you have classes or works to do, but you can choose the time slots that works for you. It is open for all of you to attend, and please tell it to any students in your department. We didn't have time to create the poster yet, but we will create a poster. I will send it to Andrew, and he will share it on Instagram, but the date is April 1st but the deadline for signing up for this is 18th of March, so please apply as soon as possible. Thank you.
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- **Desmond Nanayaw Aboagye:** wanted to mention that I will be bringing in more. I think we had a lot of people who wanted size small for the sweatshirts. I will be ordering more so if you still did not pick yours. Maybe you can pick it up. I am looking for us to take a picture together as a Senate during the last in-person meeting. Okay, so during this Senate meeting we should all wear the sweatshirt. Okay? So, you all take a picture together. Also, this is where the advocacy for GPSA starts. Begin using your drinking bottles. Okay, use it everywhere so that people will start seeing the GPSA. Okay, use it from today, start using it and I'm planning to bring more of those also so that we can share with our RSOs those who depend on us for funding. They can also help us start spreading the activities of the GPSA a lot more. Okay? So next in-person meeting, everyone is using their bottle, and we are wearing the sweatshirts. Nice.

08:00

Adjournment