

GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 02/13/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**

- Ajay Barman
- Desmond Aboagye
- Joseph Akowuah
- Andrew Sutherland
- Augustine Attah
- Madison Hönig
- Nazua Idris
- Sajjad Mahmud
- Dr. Tammy Barry
- Matt Shaw

- **Agenda items**

- Piktochart subscription
 - We are currently paying \$189 through Piktochart subscription, while Canva is \$120. However, there is a concern that people would not have access to the material from the past.
 - Andrew brought up that he tends to use the free service and it tends to be useful. We also are able to download previously used designs that we have done in the past.
 - Dr. Barry echoes a similar point.
 - Desmond asks how many people use Piktochart. If only one person is using it, is there really a need?
- Best College rep award strategy
 - Last year, we took nominations from each person on the executive board. We accepted self-nomination, and each executive board member can nominate 2 people.
 - For this year, we will do what we did last year, but we will ask each representative to describe what each person did this year.
- Best senator award nomination by committee chair
 - We will nominate someone from your committee and then we will vote on who is considered Senator of the Year. Ajay, Dr. Barry, and Matt Shaw will

decide on who is the Senator of the Year. They will rely on the representative descriptions of the senator.

- The CUB Jr ballroom is used for the Art and Wellness Night venue with RSO fee waiver
 - In the past we used this venue for previous events and Redwan wants to know if anyone is planning to use the CUB Jr Ballroom for the events. We can only use it twice for a fee waiver.
 - CUB 177 is to be used for the Women's event.
 - We will apply the fee waiver to the most expensive event.
- **Committee updates**
 - Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki
 - Working on some higher education lobbying. The bill he is working on advocates for graduate student funding. We will be sending a letter out to senators soon more about this.
 - Programming: Md. Redwan Ahmad Khan
 - Restaurant Friday on Feb 28
 - Ice Skating – March 8
 - Movie Night still need to schedule
 - Restaurant Friday in March, but still need to schedule
 - Communication: Andrew Sutherland
 - GPSA Election announcements have gone out
 - GPSA slate announcement of PDI and Programming will go out around Feb 17.
 - Research Expo purchase order is being voted on. Promotional Material for the event has been submitted.
 - Excellence Awards Announcements will continue to be promoted.
 - Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye
 - Asking representatives to inform RSOs so they get a registered email. They need to use official email accounts.
 - Please try to keep a record of all the purchase orders.
 - Travel Grants: Austine Attah
 - We will be having a committee meeting to discuss the budget.
 - Andrew is making a webpage dedicated to grant guidelines – it is already been made.

- We are currently at \$20000 left when it comes to the travel grant.
- In discussion with the Pullman Police Department around ICE and raids.
- Community Affairs: Madison Hönig
 - PDI and Community Affairs will be putting nutrition events soon:
<https://gradschool.wsu.edu/pdi/event/affordable-eats-crafting-nutritious-meals-on-a-budget/>
- Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris
 - We had 2 coffee/information sessions for the GPSA election.
- PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud
 - We have 3 more events this month and 3 events in March.
- Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah
 - We have reviewed all of the abstracts. We will be discussing quotas for each college. The academic showcase will receive the list on Friday and Monday there should be a message sent out around the acceptance.
- University and Student Affairs: Ajay
 - We do a survey from GPSA and this year the graduate school is sending out a survey.
 - We will provide grad students and senators who sit on committees with a potential small gratitude for their work.