

## GPSA Executive Board Agenda for Spring 2025

GPSA Exec Board 03/20/25 | 03:00 – 04:00pm | Zoom

- **Attendance at 03:00 PM**
  - Madison Hönig
  - Joseph Akowuah
  - Ali Maleki
  - Ajay Barman
  - Andrew Sutherland
  - Desmond Aboagye
  - Sajjad Uddin Mahmud
  - Matt Shaw
  - Dr. Tammy Barry
  - Augustine Attah
- **Announcements**
  - Transition Document – Due Mid-April or one month from now.
- **Agenda items**
  - GPSA Resolution Proposal on Research and Academic Freedom – Andrew
    - Everyone should review the resolution by Sunday March 23, 2025
    - This resolution will be done to advocate for research and academic freedom, which Andrew would like to present the resolution to the senate during the March 31, 2025 meeting.
  - Evening of Excellence – April 16
    - Desmond requested all Senators of GPSA Evening of Excellence with a plus 1. Dr. Barry made a point that it looks like senators can attend with their plus 1.
  - Adobe Acrobat
    - We are looking to add a technology fee to tuition for graduate students for Adobe Acrobat, which would be a semesterly fee of \$6.25. This fee would be associated with the technology fee.
    - However, since next year, we will not have this mandatory fee, GPSA will find a way to help fund Adobe for graduate students.
- **Committee updates**
  - **PDI: Sajjad Uddin Mahmud**
    - No longer GPSA – Graduate School Collaboration

- There will no longer be a GA through the Grad School, but next year it will be chaired through a committee.
  - Two events left for PDI this semester.
    - Sustainable Networking with Dr. Christina Willis - Collaboration with the Physics and Astronomy Department
    - Elevate Your Note-Taking: Mastering Annotation and Organization
- **Awards & Scholarship: Joseph Siaw Akowuah**
  - Meeting with his committee to plan for next academic year
  - The Research Expo will be taking place on March 27. There will be lunch for executive team members. The event will take place from 9-12 pm.
- **Travel Grants: Austine Attah**
  - Yesterday, he sent out a spreadsheet for the travel grant for a total of \$3,900.
- **Internal Affairs: Nazua Idris**
  - The voting turnout was very good. 13.4% on Tuesday.
  - The Open Application period will be between 8:00 PM on March 17-11:59 PM on March 24.
  - Exec Board Members submitted their feedback on the bylaws earlier this semester. However, if they have any new items to add, we will discuss it today.
- **Communication: Andrew Sutherland**
  - Open Elections Applications are up and are being promoted
  - Social promotions for GPSA Social Events and PDI for April were submitted for a SLATE announcement
  - Working on developing resources for members of the Communication Committee to help representatives as the Communication Chair does his prelims.
  - Promotion of Research Expo is being pushed
- **Budget committee: Desmond Aboagye**
  - Next week Desmond will send out to everyone the amount of money that is in their account.
  - RSO sponsorship will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Community Affairs: Madison Hönig**
  - **Serving Spoons: Crafting Nutritious Meals on a Budget:** March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in Butch's Den

- **International Women's Day Movie Event:** March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5PM in CUB 177.
- SEB has been collaborating with us for our International Women's Day. They allowed us to book under their name so we are not being charged for the room rental.

Serving Spoons: Crafting Nutritious Meals on a Budget on March 18th at 4PM in Butch's Den

International Women\*s Day Movie Event on March 21st at 5PM in CUB 177.

We are also currently working on a Downtown Day collaboration with ASWSU and the Downtown Pullman Association on April 7th and we will be collaborating with the College Hill Association for Pizza for the Planet. For the month of April be sure to save your pizza boxes they will be collected on April 22nd and turned into bio char with the Phoenix Conservancy.

- **University and Student Affairs: Ajay**
- **Programming: Redwan Khan**
  - Ice Skating event: on March 21<sup>st</sup> evening,
  - Movie Night March 7 at Moscow village center
  - Feb (28<sup>th</sup>) Restaurant Friday at Tokyo Seoul
- We had a restaurant Friday on February 28th, and this was one of the most successful RFs; all coupons ran out within the first 5 minutes.
- We have a movie night on March 7th at Eastside Movie Theatre Moscow. We are all set for this event. Some people asked us to share a ride, so we would need your help. Hesam will reach out to you regarding this.
- We have the Ice skating event scheduled on March 21st from 5:30 to 7:30. We tried to reschedule, thinking of the students' interest. Some might be interested in attending both, so we tried, but Palouse Ice Rink doesn't have an alternate suitable time. They offered us 9:00 PM—11:00 PM on March 28th and 29th. This time, we thought it wouldn't be suitable for students and organizers, so we kept it at the same time as per schedule.
- Our April restaurant Friday is scheduled for April 4th, with Porch Light Pizza from 6 to 9 PM.

- The last event of the semester is the Art & Wellness Night, which is scheduled for **March** 11th in the CUB Jr. Ballroom from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.
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  - **Legislative Affairs: Ali Maleki**
    - Graduate student lobby day: childcare bills, housing costs, graduate loans programs
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