

September 20, 2024

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

SUBJECT: Washington State University (WSU) Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Report

SUBMITTED BY: Ajay Barman, President and Executive Board Chair, WSU GPSA

The WSU GPSA is pleased to report the following:

- Ajay Barman, GPSA President and Executive Board Chair
 - Marwa Aly, Executive Vice President and Budget Chair
 - Tathagata Pal, Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Chair of Legislative Affairs
 - Andrew David Sutherland, College Representative, Murrow College of Communication
 - Nazua Idris, College Representative at-large, The Graduate School
 - Madison Hönig, College Representative, College of Arts & Science (CAS)
 - Augustine Attah; College Representative, College of Veterinary Medicine
 - Golrokh Maleki, College Representative, College of Education
 - Joseph Siaw Akowuah, College Representative, Carson College of Business
 - Sajjad Uddin Mahmud, College Representative, Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture (VCEA)
 - Md. Redwan Ahmed Khan, College representative of CAHNRS
- **Summer Activities:** GPSA awarded at least 24 students with a travel grant who attended any conference or workshop during the summer. We arranged a summer childcare program on a reimbursement basis for 54 kids. GPSA participated in the National Lentil Festival parade and chili-stirring event to get involved in the Pullman community. The GPSA programming committee hosted hiking to Kamiak Butte, an ice-cream social for 300 students, a BBQ, and a “Restaurant Friday” to celebrate the week of welcome for the students.
 - **GPSA Executive Retreat:** GPSA organized an executive retreat on August 25, 2024, for our eleven executive board members along with our two advisors to outline the strategy for the academic year 2024-25.
 - **GPSA Senate orientation:** GPSA welcomed a almost full senate to New Senator Orientation on August 26, 2024, and completed our first Senate meeting on September 9, 2024. During the first senate meeting, the GPSA's budget for the 2024-25 academic year was presented. The total approved budget from the S & A Committee is \$500,000 for the academic year, which used to be \$635,501 in 2017-18. Most of the money we receive will be used for professional development, programming, travel grants, research exposition, and community engagements for graduate and professional students.
 - **Legislative agenda:** GPSA is planning to work with the Pullman city and university to address issues on public transportation, food security, and campus/community safety. for graduate and professional students. GPSA is working with ASWSU through SGC to combine our efforts for the betterment of WSU and higher education.