

GSA

General Assembly Meeting #2

Zoom Edition
October 1, 2020



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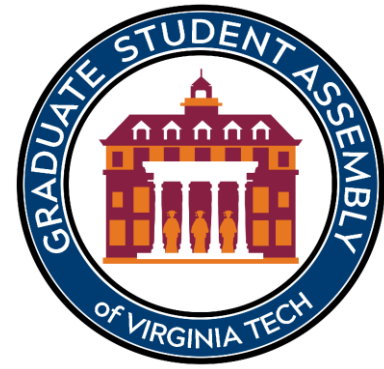


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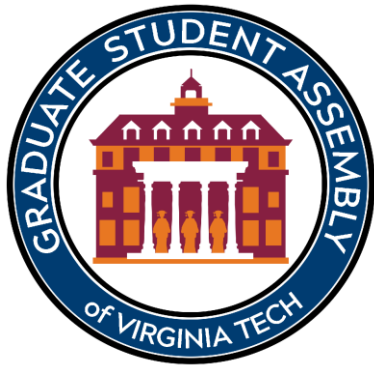
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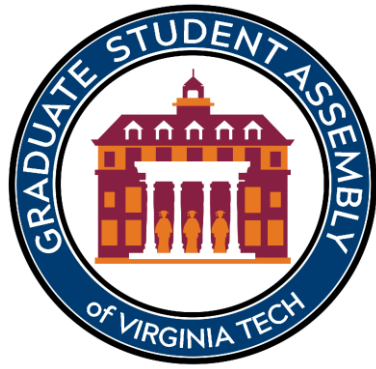
Agenda:

1. Open Forum (15min)
2. GSA Agenda Items
 - a. Election of Parliamentarian
 - b. Delegate at Large Confirmations
 - c. Resolutions
 - i. CUS 2020/21-A
 - ii. CUSP 2020/21-A & B
 - iii. COR 2020/21-A
 - d. Green RFP
3. Exec. Board Updates
 - a. VP
 - b. Finance
 - c. Events
 - d. Communication
 - e. Programs
 - f. BoV Rep.

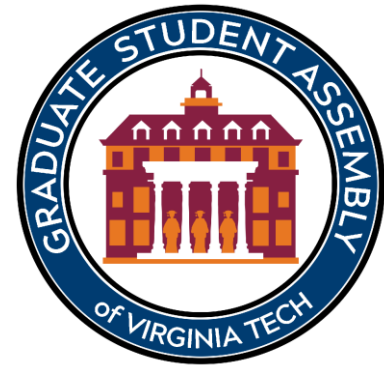
Open Forum (15min)



Parliamentarian election

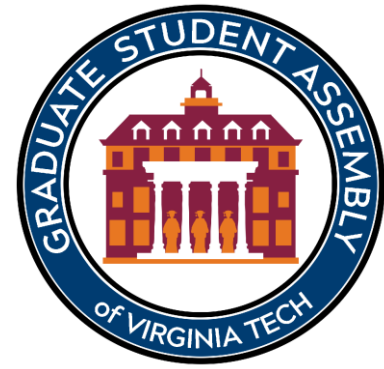


- Nomination: Aiden Murphy



Delegate at Large Confirmations

Commission/Committee/Council	Name
Athletics Committee	Joseph Kozak
Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies	Gabriela Carrillo
Commission on Outreach and International Affairs	Nicole Nunoo
Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs	Dryden Epstein
Commission on Student Affairs	Kayla Alward
Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies	Sophia Vicente
Graduate Curriculum Committee	Sharon Stidham
Intellectual Property Committee	Dominic LoPinto
Library Committee	Alaa Abdalla
University Council	Lia Kelinsky-Jones



Resolutions

- i. CUS 2020/21-A
- ii. CUSP 2020/21-A & B
- iii. COR 2020/21-A

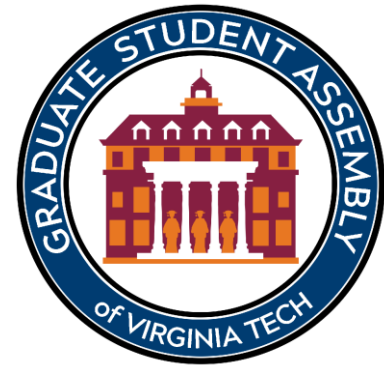
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Green RFP

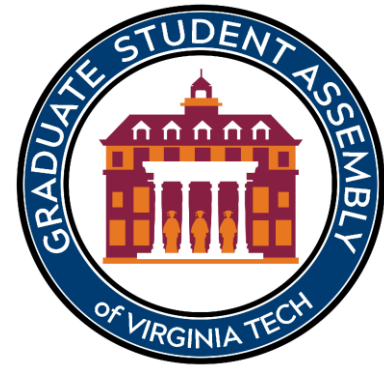


Recognized student organizations are given the opportunity each year to submit a proposal for a sustainable idea that they would like to see implemented on the university's Blacksburg, Virginia campus.

Proposals that support the Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment, produce realizable savings, and require one-time (as opposed to ongoing) funding are given preference. The goal of the program is to have approved proposals funded and implemented within the same academic year.



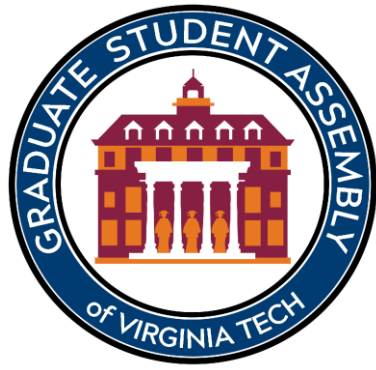
GSA Exec Board Updates



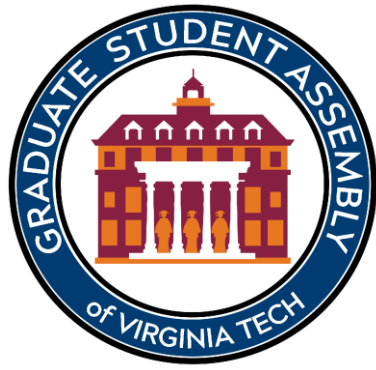
VP & Director of Legislative Affairs

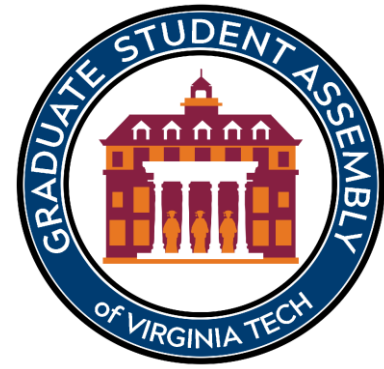
- Resolutions.
- UFM Letter Endorsement.
- Evening Parking Policy Update.
- No commission/committee specific updates.

Finance



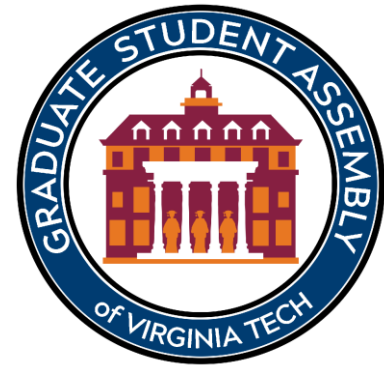
Events





Director of Communications

- GSARS tshirt and cups from the 2020 event are available for pickup. If you were a presenter, please contact Sharon.
- Committees and Subcommittees should be sending minutes to Sharon for addition to the website



Programs Updates

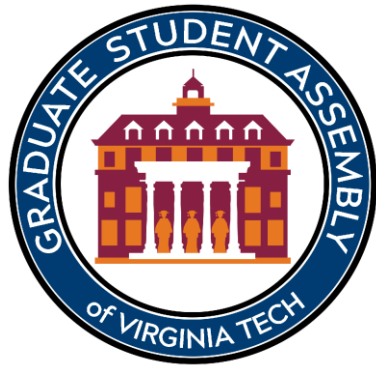
Chairs Hired

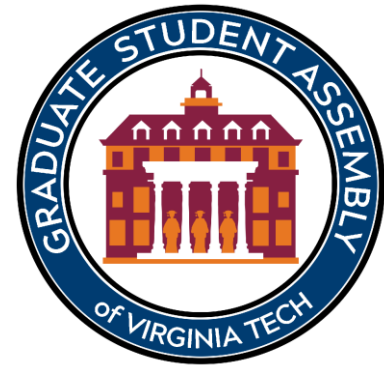
- GSA website/social media and GLC Weekly email updates later in October
- Volunteers for reviewers, fundraising, brainstorming

Contact Us:

- TFP - gsa-tfp-g@vt.edu
 - Fall Cycle will be announced soonish)
- GRDP - gsa-grdp-g@vt.edu
 - Spring Cycle, expansion discussion on “research development”
- Annual Research Symposium and Exposition- gsars-g@vt.edu
 - Expanding on “Exposition”
 - Fundraising opportunities

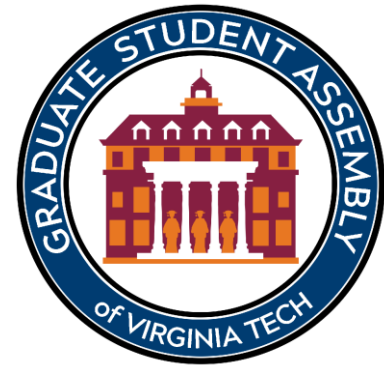
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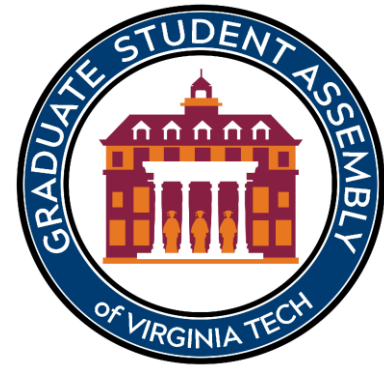
Subcommittee Updates

Diversity
Grad Comp/Capital Planning
Student Services
Going Green



Diversity

- Collecting and reviewing diversity data on URM graduate students related to:
 - Recruitment
 - Student life and support systems
 - Post-graduate outcomes
- After reviewing data and talking with relevant diversity personnel at VT, we will write 3-5 short and long-term goals
- Collaborating with United Feminist Movement
 - Please contact Carolina Bell if you would like to help interview candidates for the Women Center's open counseling position – they hope the finalist will be a person of color

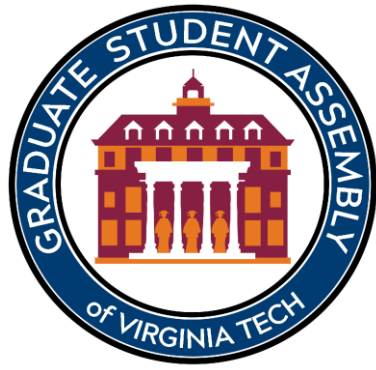


Grad Comp/Capital Planning

- **Goals**
 - Gather data (Blacksburg, Roanoke, and DC)
 - Synthesize information
 - Advocate!
- What are we advocating for? **Increased financial stability for graduate students**
 - Could take many forms stipend amount, more assistance with student fees, etc
- Subcommittee chair: Becca Salgado
 - rsalgado97@vt.edu
 - (949)933-6795

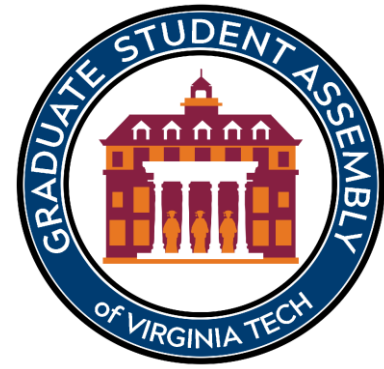
Maruf's Comment: Admin are willing to listen. I think if we gather proper data and provide good recommendations, sustainable changes are possible in the next 3-5years.

Student Services



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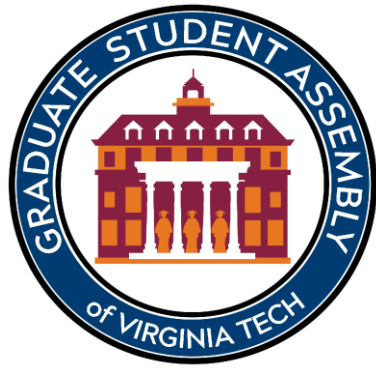




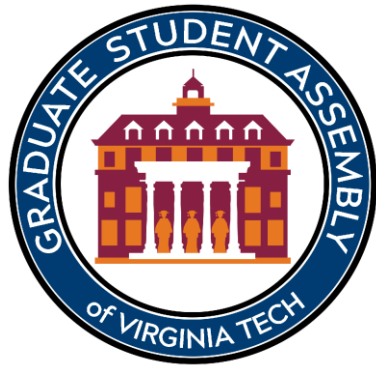
Standing Committee Updates

Finance
Internal Affairs
Judicial

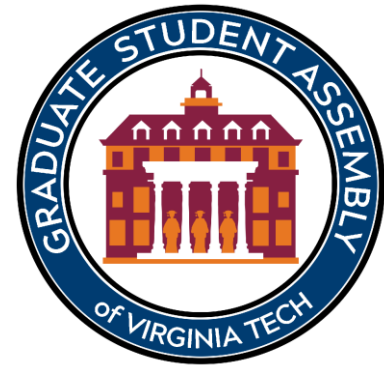
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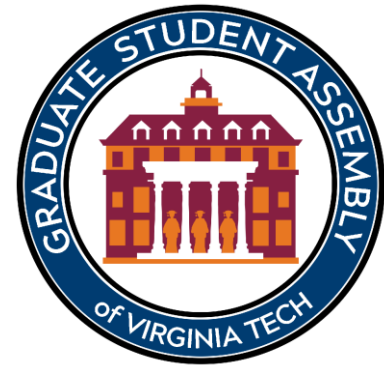


Maruf's Comment: Shared Gov't is slowly changing at VT, especially the role that students play. I personally think that GSA can take charge and set up a governing structure that can be a model for how the rest of governance works at VT.



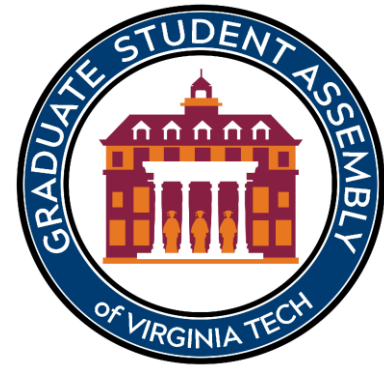
November Assembly Meeting

- Inviting Student Affairs Leadership (*pending availability*)
 - VP SA: Frank Shushok
 - Asst VP: James Bridgeforth
 - Dean of Students: Byron Hughes
 - Director of SECL: Heather Wagoner



Spring 2021

- VT has not made any *official* plans at this moment
- Goal: Open Letter signed by GSA, BoV rep, and Exec board with suggestions
 - Topics: when/how do we open, spring break, responsibilities of GRA, GTA, etc.
- Completed by Exec Board by Oct 5, electronic vote and submit by Oct 7



Closing

- Complete Caregiving Survey.
(https://www.provost.vt.edu/content/provost_vt_edu/en/announcements/caregiving-responsibilities-survey.html)
- General Assembly Meeting #3: November 5th, 2020 @ 5:30pm

