Please be mindful about who you share information with concerning GPSS. More importantly, be careful about whose information you share so that nobody is put in danger.

**CGPSP Meeting**

On Wednesday, November 17th, about 75 graduate students attended the Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies (CGPSP) Meeting to bear witness to their discussion of GPSS Resolution 2021-22B - the Resolution to make 12-month contracts the default. CGPSP leadership tried to undermine the shared governance process and dismiss our resolutions in several ways. Thus, we encouraged graduate students to come to their meeting to demonstrate our collective commitment to this Resolution and the serious need for graduate students to be paid a living wage. In the meeting, several Commission members rolled their eyes and made dismissive and insulting comments about our work (such as calling us “naive” and arguing that we were being hyperbolic by saying graduate students often go without food and medicine). Senators and members of the GPSS Executive Board spoke to several graduate students who attended Wednesday’s meeting, and they described the way certain administrators and faculty members spoke about graduate students as dehumanizing. While administrators and certain faculty members were resistant, the presence of 75 graduate students got them to put this issue back on the docket, and we’re revisiting it tomorrow (Monday, 11/21), so let’s keep up the pressure.

The discussion of the Resolution will continue in an emergency CGPSP meeting tomorrow, Monday, November 22 at 4 pm. We encourage you to show up and hold them accountable. You can attend in person in GLC 238 or via Zoom (https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/88919973090).

**Housekeeping and News**

- Next meeting is December 2nd, 5:30-7pm on Zoom. You must register in advance with your VT email address. New Business for next week is on the website and any questions should be directed to your senator or the executive board at gpss-exec-board-g@vt.edu.
  - Until further notice, all Senate meetings will be held on Zoom and only admit graduate students due to safety concerns. All members of the community are welcome to submit comments ahead of time for the record.
- Do you know of any graduate groups on campus that we could invite to take part in the GPSS? Let us know!
- Strategic Affairs for the university is soliciting feedback to help curate the university plan more effectively alongside its members. Please fill out this form to respond to their question, "If you had a magic wand, what would you change about the University?" All responses will be anonymous and sent in batches to them directly.

**External Resolutions**

**Old Business**
All five resolutions *passed* by significant margins, including our first unanimous resolution, and will be moved out to shared governance (commissions and ultimately other senates). You can read those resolutions [here](#). The abbreviated bylaws and resolutions that advanced are:

19. GPSS Resolution 2021-22O: Resolution to To fix communication gaps and clarify institutional role of GTAs versus GAs and GRAs
20. GPSS Resolution 2021-22P: Establishes working contracts (or something similar) to clarify relationship between mentors/mentees and decrease exploitative working relationships
21. GPSS Resolution 2021-22Q: Resolution to reduce our reliance on adjunct labor and create more well-paying, secure jobs for faculty
22. GPSS Resolution 2021-22R: Reforms transparency and democratic input across university affairs
23. GPSS Resolution 2021-22S: Abolishes the use of the GRE in graduate student recruitment

**New Business**

24. GPSS Resolution 2021-22T: Establishes equal opportunity hiring practices for assigning graduate assistantships
25. GPSS Resolution 2021-22U: Makes student services more readily available for graduate students during the summer
26. GPSS Resolution 2021-22V: Resolution to Secure Equitable Funding for Cook Counseling

**Next Meeting:**

PCG Changes for Consideration (see - [New Business](#)). This is not Resolution; it is part of a shared governance overhaul. We will talk about the context in the next Meeting.