Senate Brief - November 4, 2021 Meeting

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.

Housekeeping and News

➢ Send Alice comments on CAPFTA B-H ; CUSP B-E ; or CFA A by midnight on November 9th if you have any additional ones.
➢ Next meeting is November 18th, 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!
➢ Anyone residing in Montgomery School systems please write in support of LGBTQ+ students in those schools here.
➢ 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.

Upcoming Events

➢ Meet the Dean Events:
   ○ Guac Talk - Wednesday, November 17th: Noon-1:00pm, Student Lounge, Graduate Life Center; RSVP by November 15th at 9:00am. RSVP here.

Resolutions

Resolutions for comment

CAPFA Resolutions B - H - Comment waived
CUSP Resolutions B - E - Comment waived
CFA Resolution A - Comment waived
COIA 2021-221 - Comment waived

Old Business - none this week

New Business

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: A catch-all resolution that creates org charts, clearer financial report, and easier access to public meetings like the BoV
23. GPSS Resolution 2021-22S: Forces departments to justify their use of the GRE or subject-specific GREs with graduate student recruitment

Resolutions T, U, and V were delayed for their first reading until the next meeting.