Senate Brief

Housekeeping and News

➢ Reminder to form a registered student organization by September 14th to get access to Graduate Student Budget Board (GSBB) money! For more details see this link.
➢ Next meeting is September 23rd, 5:30-7 (doors open and food arrives at 5) in Owens banquet room. To attend via 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.
➢ For up to date information about the GPSS, make sure you go to gpss.vt.edu rather than gsa.vt.edu. The old GSA website is supposed to redirect to the GPSS site, but it doesn’t always work correctly. Any GPSS url that includes “gsa” is outdated.
➢ Do you know of any graduate groups on campus that we could invite to take part in the GPSS? Let us know!
➢ Glade Road Growing now accepts SNAP benefits for their produce and their online farm market! They also collaborate with Fresh Match for 50% off vegetables.

Upcoming Events

➢ Kids’ Night Out - Free childcare at the Women’s Center
  o First session: September 23, 6:30-8:30pm
➢ Virtual Graduate and Professional School Fair
  o Monday, October 4th: 11:00am - 3:00pm, Brazen
➢ Diversity Statement Writing Workshops
  o Monday, September 20th: Noon - 1:30pm, Zoom
  o Monday, October 18th: Noon - 1:30pm, Zoom
➢ Teaching Philosophy Statement Writing Workshops
  o Wednesday, October 6th: 11:30am - 1:00pm, Zoom
  o Wednesday, October 27th: 11:30am - 1:00pm, Zoom

Resolutions

Old Business: All six resolutions and the GSBB Policy and Procedures passed by a wide margin and will be moved out to shared governance (commissions and ultimately the other senates). You can read those resolutions here. The abbreviated bylaws and resolutions that advanced are:

1. GSBB Policy and Procedures
2. GPSS Resolution 2021-22A, resolution to establish a university policy governing task forces and working groups.
3. GPSS Resolution 2021-22B, resolution to make 12-month contracts the default contract.
4. GPSS Resolution 2021-22C, resolution to improve financial transparency and exercise oversight of the Virginia Tech Foundation.
5. GPSS Resolution 2021-22D1, resolution to expand ethical oversight of researching and developing policing and surveillance technologies.
6. GPSS Resolution 2021-22D2, resolution to broaden ethical oversight for anti-immigrant research projects.
7. GPSS Resolution 2021-22E, resolution to change the Constitution to move the transition of power to spring.

New Business: All five resolutions moved on to a second reading. You can read those resolutions [here](#). The abbreviated bylaws and resolutions that advanced are:

8. GPSS Resolution 2021-22F, resolution to create a $15 minimum wage for VT employees.
9. GPSS Resolution 2021-22G, resolution to create a financial stimulus to support the Cultural and Community Centers.
10. GPSS Resolution 2021-22H, resolution to clarify and expand parental leave policies.
11. GPSS Resolution 2021-22I, resolution to establish VT as a sanctuary campus.
12. GPSS Resolution 2021-22J, resolution to expand protections for international students.

Comments, debate, and discussion are in the minutes [here](#).