Senate Brief - February 3, 2022 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

➢ Living Wage Resolution hits University Council February 7th and 21st!
  - Please attend to show support on this critical issue! The meetings start at 3:30pm. You do not need to register beforehand. We have confirmed this with April Myers.

➢ COVID Updates
  - Grad students report positive cases to the Dean of Students Office using this link.
  - FBRI 'community conversation' (i.e. town hall) about the local state of covid-19 and university response will be from noon - 1 PM on Monday, Feb. 7. Zoom link: https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/86858418480. Questions can be sent in advance to Pamela Stell (pstell20@vtc.vt.edu).

➢ GPSS Research Symposium March 23rd
  - Call for abstracts: ALL graduate and professional degree programs are welcome to submit an abstract before the deadline: February 15th, 2022 at 11:59 pm.
  - Check our website for more information.
  - Call for judges and reviewers: Please submit your request to the google form. We ask that our volunteer judges commit to at least one hour of work the day of the symposium. Please encourage your faculty to join us in this opportunity to engage graduate students in a professional development opportunity, serving our campus by providing an audience to reflect on the wide variety of research that will be shared! Contact the GPSSRS team (Connor Brown, clb21565@vt.edu and Ben Miller, benmiller@vt.edu) with your VT email address.

➢ GPSS E-Board Election!
  - Please see here for the statements of intent and platform from the candidates of the GPSS Executive Board Election.
  - Voting is now open! All Senators should have received their ballot after the meeting. Senators have until 2/10 at 11:59pm to cast your votes.