



## **Senate Brief - September 08, 2022 Meeting**

This document should be distributed to all graduate students within your department or through your departmental listserv so that everyone may engage with the activities of the Senate.

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### **Graduate and Professional Student Fair**

Registration is now open for undergraduate students attending the Graduate and Professional School Fair. If you or any of your constituents know of any undergraduate students who may be interested, please send them the registration [link](https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/t/AWCDtZt7b8).

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**Registration closes on October 1st.**

**The fair is being held on October 3rd.**

### **Graduate Student Affordable Housing Initiative**

A meeting to discuss information for the graduate student affordable housing initiative is being held on **Thursday 15th September from 3:00pm - 4:00pm** via Zoom ([link](#))

### **Robert's Rules Training**

The Director of Advocacy, Alice Fox, is hosting a training session on Robert's Rules on **Thursday 15th September from 5:30pm - 7:00pm** via Zoom ([link](#)). Attendance is mandatory for senators serving on external commissions and committees, but all graduate students are welcome to attend and learn about parliamentary procedure.

### **Free Online Mental Health Care Provided by Virginia Tech**

Virginia Tech has teamed up with TimelyCare - an online mental health provider - to give students at Virginia Tech up to 12 free online sessions with counselors and the ability to have "on demand" chat sessions when you need it most. TimelyCare is a phone app and registration can take as little as three minutes.

### **Halloween Costume Party**

Save the date for our GPSS Halloween Social - **Thursday, October 27th at Moon Hollow Brewing.**

### **Fall Social**

Save the date for our GPSS Fall Social - **Monday, November 14th at Rising Silo Brewery.**



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## Community Outreach

### **209 Market Place Food Pantry**

*The Wesley Foundation at 209 W. Roanoke St.*

If you, or any of your colleagues, are experiencing food insecurity then please check out *209 Market Place* which is a “donation-based, emergency food pantry that provides food, toiletries, and school supplies [for] free to Virginia Tech students in need”. Students can sign up for the food pantry and are allotted a number of points for the week that you can spend as you see fit. Find out more about 209 Market Place [here](#).