

**General Assembly Meeting**  
*Graduate and Professional Student Senate*  
09.08.25 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

**Prior General Assembly Meeting**

08.25.22 | 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Meeting minutes approved

**In attendance**

President | Ben Beiter: not present | Vice President, Chloe Robertson, substituting  
Vice President | Chloe Robertson: present

Senators: 56  
Quorum reached: yes

**Motions**

Approval for all seats for GPSS representatives on external committees and commissions  
Motion made by Chloe Robertson  
Final wording of motion: Call for motion to approve external committee and commissions seats  
Vote: counted // approved // 52 yes, 2 abstain

Approval for Parliamentarian  
Motion made by Chloe Robertson  
Final wording of motion: Call for motion to approve Senator Randal Adams as GPSS  
Parliamentarian  
Vote: counted // approved // 49 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain

**General Notes**

N/A

**Old Business**

*GPSS Representatives Needed for External Commissions and Committees*

- The GPSS still needs representatives for the Commission for Graduate and Professional Student Affairs (CGPSA)
  - One Senator from the Pamplin College of Business
  - One Senator from the College of Natural Resources and Environment
  - One Senator from the College of Architecture, Arts, and Design
- A Senator for the Employee Benefits Committee
- A GTA specifically, for the University Curriculum Committee for General Education

*Election for Director of Events*

Vote for Director of Events candidates Yohan Sequeira and John Hoang

- Vote called // Yohan Sequeira is voted in by majority // 28 votes for Yohan, 11 votes for John, 15 abstain

#### *GPSS Representatives Needed for External Ad Hoc Groups*

- Personal Transportation Devices Working Group: A workgroup charged with reviewing University Policy 5005 and specifically the use of personal transportation devices on campus, scooters, e-bikes, mopeds, hover-boards, etc.
- Parking Appeals Hearing Committee: Group that hears and approves/denies appeals for parking tickets.

#### **New Business**

##### *Presentation on Health Insurance at Virginia Tech*

Presenters Rebecca Folmar and Amanda Marcum

- F-1, J-1 students, and students in the college of Medicine re required to have health insurance at the university. No other students are required to show proof of insurance to the university.
- Students can purchase Aetna through the university or healthcare outside of the university.
- The Aetna insurance coverage runs from August 1 - July 31st every year and students must re-enroll every year for coverage.
- Prescriptions can be fulfilled at Schiffert health care center and this is often cheaper than other options.
- An annual eye exam is offered with a copay of \$15.
  - If you purchase glasses or contact lenses you can be reimbursed up to \$120.
- If you get a referral from Schiffert health care center for treatment elsewhere, your final costs will be decreased.
  - If Schiffert health center is closed and you need treatment you don't need a referral.
  - If you are more than 20 miles outside of Blacksburg, you do not need a referral.
  - Maternity services and those students enrolled in satellite campuses are not required to get that referral.
- Cost and enrollment
  - The cost of the Aetna plan is \$3,276 p/a
    - Students can pay this money upfront or choose an installment plan when they sign up.
    - If you are enrolled in 12 credit hours and have an assistantship you are eligible for a subsidy.
  - Enrollment deadline is on September 12 every year.

##### *Presentation on TimelyCare*

Presenter Erica Coates

- TimelyCare is an online healthcare app that connects allows student to go to online health coaching, counseling, and have access to self-care content and have an on-demand function for students in moments of distress.
  - On-demand function

- The response time is around three to five minutes.
- The average length of an 'on-demand' talk is about 25 minutes.
- Online Counseling
  - Available in the United States
  - Students can schedule up to 12 appointments
  - Wait times are typically one week
- Student reviews of the app rate it as a 4.9/5
- Available as an app on your phone or on your computer.
- Registration is as quick as three minutes.

### **Closing Remarks**

#### *Upcoming events*

- *Graduate and Professional Student Fair*  
October 3rd | Commonwealth Ballroom
- *Halloween Costume Party*  
October 27th | Moon Hollow
- *Fall Social*  
November 14th | Rising Silo

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chloe Robertson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chloe Robertson