Open Forum (5:00-5:30)

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Senate Meeting

2nd March, 2023

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Meeting Agenda

1. Opening remarks & senator sign-in

2. General Orders: SVCC Presentation

3. Exec Board Reports

4. Commission and Committee Reports:

5. Ad hoc reports:

6. Unfinished business: CGPSA Resolution 22-23A

7. New business: Elections, Comment CGPSA 22-23D

8. Closing remarks:

Opening Remarks

Sign-in if you have not!

If you have not registered as an Senator yet (haven't received the info emails this week) please email VP Chloe Robertson (chloerobertson@vt.edu) to be added to the roles!

Notes on Zoom

Voting: Only senators and designated proxies may vote. Vote using yes (green checkmark), no (red X), and abstain (coffee cup away) emotes.

Speaking: Everyone will be muted and you will have to use the raise hand feature to unmute yourself. Priority will be given to senators over general graduate students.

Please RESET your emote after voting or raising your hand. We cannot distinguish between leftover emotes and current emotes so it is on you to remember to remove your answer after the vote concludes. If you do not lower your hand we may not call on you.

The most important rule is that you MUST show off your pets and tell them they're very good courtesy of the GPSS.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from the Mar. 2nd meeting.

https://gpss.vt.edu/the-senate/senate-meetings-minutes/minutes.html

Director of Programs

- "Dr. Rich" Cap and Gown Loan Program applications now open – Apply by March 20
  - No hood or tassel
- TFP spring 2023 cycle – $22,600 distributed
  - Tier 2 ($500) awards – 2
  - Tier 3 ($300) awards – 69
- Spring 2023 GRDP decisions coming **Monday**

Director of Finance

The last day to submit a request for GSBB funding is 3/31! We still have over $27,000 left!

Questions on Graduate Student Budget Board (GSBB) or how to get funding for your GSO?Email John at gsbb@vt.edu with your questions or if you would like to set up a time for office hours.

Vice President

We have had a number of senator changes during this semester, if you will be graduating, or would like to leave the senate for other reasons, please remember to reach out and let me know! Ideally, try and find a replacement senator for your position. Once this is done, email gpss@vt.edu or chloerobertson@vt.edu to let me know about the changes!

DIRECTOR OF EVENTS!

Drinking Event: Moon Hollow - Friday the 24th, 6-10pm

- fill out the interest form plz, senators get a free drink :)
- https://forms.gle/dtxVtHcm7YBpkPjEA

Events Calendar: https://tinyurl.com/GPSSEventsCalendar

President

BOV Meeting and Discussion on tuition and finance: March 19-20th

- Public Comments on Tuition Released (113 Comments) :https://bov.vt.edu/assets/Materials-March%2019-20,%202023-6.pdf

Open Session - public meeting with live stream

- Information Session: **Sunday 12-4pm, The Inn, Latham Ballroom,**
- Finance and Resource Management Committee: **Monday 9-10am, The Inn, Solitude Room**
- Full Board Meeting: **Monday 12:45-4pm, Torgeson Hall Board Room (2100)**

Google Workspace Committee: Recommendations on the University use of Google Services

External Committees/Commissions

Open remarks

Ad Hoc Committee:

- Living Wage TaskForce
  - The Report is Released!
    https://www.provost.vt.edu/content/dam/provost_vt_edu/Graduate%20Assistantship%20Support%20Task%20Force%20Report.pdf

- Housing, looking for one qualitative researcher to review coding of qualitative survey response data

General Orders: Presentation

Presentation: Katie Polidoro and Martha Glass, SVCC Working Group

Unfinished Business: Resolution CGPSA 22-23A

Resolution CGPSA 22-23A: Resolution to Expand & Secure Access to Reproductive Care at Virginia Tech

Presenting: CGPSA Chair

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AX3I0D7tY1Y2KEFdHbZgWqDo2aXSOnYp/view?usp=sharing

New Business: Elections

Positions	Name
President	Rachel Maizel
Director of Advocacy	Elizabeth Bucklen Ronnie Mondal
Director of Events	Emily Tirrell
Vice President	Yohan Sequeira
Director of Finance	Quiyana M. Murphy
Director of Programs	Aran Garnett-Deakin
Director of Communication	{Vacant}

Order
Candidate Statement
Q&A opportunity
Senate Discussion

New Business: Comment CGPSP 2022-23D

CGPSP Resolution 2022-23D: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES DEGREE IN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

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Closing Remarks: Communication

All Senators are expected to communicate with your constituents.

- Send out Senate Brief to everyone
- Anonymous Feedback Form:

Comments to ME Senators

This form is a way to submit comments, questions, raise issues, and any other communication to the two graduate student Senators who represent the Mechanical Engineering department in the Graduate and Professional Student Senate: Ben Beiter (-------------@vt.edu) and -------------------- (-------------@vt.edu).

The GPSS is the governing body at Virginia Tech made up entirely of grad students. We discuss and create resolutions that go through the shared governance process at VT, as well as host events for all graduate students at VT. Each department gets to send two senators to the GPSS, and we, as the senators for ME are here to hear anything you'd like to bring up to us, and we can bring it up to the Senate at large.

All comments made in this form are anonymous (the form does not save your email). If you feel comfortable sharing your name and email or would like a response from us, please enter you name and email below (we will not share your info with anyone).

Closing Remarks: Graduate Education Week

This week-long celebration offers opportunities to all members of the university community to be involved with graduate education!

Highlights

- GPSS Research Symposium
  Wednesday, March 29
- Graduate Student Alumni Panel (Zoom)
  Friday, March 31
- Big Cookout (DJ Sponsored by GPSS)
  Friday, March 31
- Graduate Student Art and Photo Display
  GLC Hallways

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IGNITE
Graduate Education Week 2023

Closing Remarks: Student Overnight Accommodation

Looking for a couple student who might be willing to house a remote campus student overnight for Symposium/Grad Education Week.

Closing Remarks: SSD Survey

Student survey on student perceptions of Virginia Tech Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (VTSSD)

https://forms.gle/NLSSbJ8Z8KmhtBqe7

Closing Remarks: Spring Safety Walk

On behalf of the Virginia Tech Police Department and the Illumination Workgroup, we would like to invite you to join us on the Spring Campus Safety Walk. This walk will allow for onsite review of specific areas of campus by a diverse cross section of the university community. Representatives from the Division of Enterprise Administrative and Business Service (VT Police Department, Emergency Management, and Environmental Health & Safety) as well as representatives from Campus Planning Infrastructure and Facilities will be on hand to receive feedback on lighting, accessibility, pedestrian travel, or any safety related topics.

The date for the Spring Walk is Tuesday April 4th with a rain date of Tuesday April 11th. We ask that you or your representative please meet us in front of the Public Safety Building, 330 Sterrett Drive, at 7:45 pm that evening. Map excerpts of the areas for the walk, identified by the Illumination Workgroup, are attached. If you are interested in joining us please RSVP to Officer Daniel Guilliams at dguillia@vt.edu no later than March 29th. If you need assistance with transportation please note that in your RSVP.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jor6BNxCEGy5GMcKjjXW-pOrZ0Im2iUb/view?usp=sharing

Closing Remarks: Awards

It is time to celebrate the accomplishments of student organizations and their leaders in our community! The Student Organization Leadership Awards (SOL Awards) will be hosted by Student Engagement and Campus Life on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023.

We are currently accepting nominations for group and individual awards till March 20th at 11:59 pm via GobblerConnect. Advisors, peers, and individuals can nominate themselves, other students, your own student organization or other student organizations. You can find the link to the nomination form here

Award categories include:
Outstanding Student Organization Program Award.
- Excellence in Member Engagement and Development
- Outstanding Organization of the Year
- Outstanding Student Organization Program or Event
- Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion
- Outstanding Graduate Student Leader of the Year.
    ...and many more!

Details: https://campuslife.vt.edu/Student_Orgs/USLA.html

Conclusion

Motion to Adjourn!

Events Calendar:

https://tinyurl.com/GPSSEventsCalendar

Senate Discord:

tinyurl.com/GPSS22SenatorDiscord

Public GPSS Discord for all grad students:
tinyurl.com/GPSS22GradDiscord