

# Open Forum (5:00-5:30)

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# Senate Meeting

30th March, 2023

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# Meeting Agenda

1. Opening remarks & senator sign-in
2. Exec Board Reports
3. Commission and Committee Reports:
4. Ad hoc reports:
5. General Orders: Academic Metrics Presentation
6. Unfinished business: Comment CGPSP Resolution 22-23D
7. New business: Comment CUSP 22-23CDE
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](mailto: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. 16th meeting.

<https://gps.vt.edu/the-senate/senate-meetings-minutes/minutes.html>

# GPSS Symposium

Shoutout to Kaylee Petraccione and Cissy Ming!!

# Election Results

<b>Positions</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Rachel Maizel
Director of Advocacy	Elizabeth Bucklen
Director of Events	{Vacant}
Vice President	Yohan Sequeira
Director of Finance	Quiyana M. Murphy
Director of Programs	Aran Garnett-Deakin
Director of Communication	{Vacant}

- Special Election for Communications and Events till 4/12/23
- Hiring of a Grad Assistant for 23-24 Academic Year



# Director of Programs

- “Dr. Rich” Cap and Gown Loan Program applications now **CLOSED**. Limited number of 5’0-5’2 Master’s, and over 6’0 Master’s and PhD gowns available.
  - No hood or tassel
  - If you received a loan, look out for additional communications on pickup time
- Summer TFP cycle dates coming soon!

# Director of Finance

**The last day to submit a request for GSBB funding is TOMORROW 3/31! Funds will be awarded on a first come first serve basis up to the remaining \$19,500 is awarded!**

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

# Director of Finance

GSBB is working hard on providing recommendations on policy changes for GSBB policy next year. We should have a draft ready for the next GPSS meeting.

**Have suggestions for GSBB Policy? Please feel free to leave comments directly on this draft of current policy:**

**<https://bit.ly/gsbb-policy-comments>**

# Vice President

We have had a number of senator changes during this semester, if you will be graduating, or switching senator roles, 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](mailto:gpss@vt.edu) or [chloerobertson@vt.edu](mailto:chloerobertson@vt.edu) to let me know about the changes!

# DIRECTOR OF EVENTS!

Spring Social!

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

# President

BOV Meeting and Discussion on tuition and finance: April 21st

Follow-up conversation with Katie Polidoro and Martha Glass

Statement on Discrimination, Peer Accountability Board for student organizations.

Working Group Reps:

- Google Workspace Committee: On the University use of Google Services
- Access and Affordability: Student Experience Working Group
  - preference is for candidates who have been or currently are representative of our target underserved undergraduate student population, that is, Pell eligible, have significant unmet financial needs, etc.

# External Committees/Commissions

Open remarks

# Ad Hoc Committee:

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



# General Orders: Presentation

Presentation: Rachel Miles on Academic Metrics

# Unfinished Business: Resolution CGPSP 22-23D

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v06SU3rMgc5APXJ8baksfkI7rBTZR92p/view?usp=sharing>

# New Business: Comment CUSP 22-23C

Resolution to Approve New Major, Nutrition and Dietetics, in Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p-XRRGdgekVpEih5S0\\_yv\\_owqTCAzRfL/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p-XRRGdgekVpEih5S0_yv_owqTCAzRfL/view?usp=sharing)

# New Business: Comment CUSP 22-23D

Resolution to Approve New Major, Exercise and Health Sciences, in Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OhVTXOW-ZayHMXHrD0kJJ-a2xZWZgu42/view?usp=sharing>

# New Business: Comment CUSP 22-23E

Resolution to Approve New Major, Technology Education, in Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, CTE

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Wm3DPtWonh0tBmoByUT0xS3HNIL1eJw/view?usp=sharing>

# 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 your 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



**UNLOCK  
UNLEASH  
IGNITE**

Graduate Education Week 2023

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:dguillia@vt.edu) no later than March 29<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance with transportation please note that in your RSVP.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jor6BNxCEGy5GMcKjXW-pOrZ0Im2iUb/view?usp=sharing>



# Closing Remarks: Tax Workshop



Cranwell International Virtual Tax Workshops:

[https://international.vt.edu/Immigration-Services/on\\_off\\_campus\\_employment/international-tax-information.html](https://international.vt.edu/Immigration-Services/on_off_campus_employment/international-tax-information.html)

# Closing Remarks: Privacy and GobblerConnect

We received feedback from the Associate Director for Student Organizations and Administration regarding unwanted emails being sent to some senators. The Associate Dean noted that student contact information can be found on GobblerConnect which may be one way your emails get shared. Visit the following link for instructions on how to keep your email safe by changing your privacy settings:

<https://engagesupport.campuslabs.com/hc/en-us/articles/204033014-Changing-your-Privacy-Settings> (this link will also go in the minutes).

*If you have concerns about being repeatedly contacted by the same group or person and if the concerns escalate, you can report those concerns to the office of Student Conduct, who investigate these types of potential policy violations and oversee no-contact orders.*

# Conclusion

Motion to Adjourn!

Events Calendar:

<https://tinyurl.com/GPSSEventsCalendar>

**Senate Discord:**



[tinyurl.com/GPSS22SenatorDiscord](https://tinyurl.com/GPSS22SenatorDiscord)

Public GPSS Discord for all grad students:

[tinyurl.com/GPSS22GradDiscord](https://tinyurl.com/GPSS22GradDiscord)