



Senate Brief - April, 13, 2023 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.

Taco Talk with the Dean

Come join us for a taco talk with Dean Suprenant! You can enjoy free tacos and engage in talk about all things graduate life!

If you are interested in attending the Taco Talk with the Dean on April 28th at noon in the GLC (meeting room C), [please fill out this form](#).

BT Transit Feedback

Blacksburg Transit is in the process of developing a Transit Strategic Plan (TSP) to help guide service improvements over the next 10 years in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Montgomery County. Whether you are a current rider, past rider, or even if you have never ridden our buses, **we need your help** to understand how and why people are using (or not using) transit so we can improve our services in the future. **Complete [this short survey](#) by April 28** to tell us about your experiences, desires and priorities. You can be entered in a raffle for a chance to win one of three \$50 VISA gift cards! More information about the project is available at www.ridebt.org/tsp.

GPSS Assistantship Opportunity

The GPSS is looking for a graduate assistant for the 23-24 academic year! Supervised by the Director of Student Services for the Graduate School, the Graduate Assistant for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) supports the operation and initiatives of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. Areas of focus: gather data about topics of interest to the GPSS Exec board, contribute to GPSS initiatives; assist leaders and members of the GPSS; provide organizational support and assistance with events and programming, and engage in campus affairs as they relate to graduate student life.

If you are interested in learning more about the GPSS Assistantship for the 23-24 academic year, [click here for more details](#).

If you are interested in applying for the GPSS Assistantship for the 23-24 academic year, [click here to apply](#).



Corridors Conference CFP

The English Department's Corridore conference call for papers is out and submissions are open. If you are interested in a low-stakes, graduate friendly conference, then feel free to check out the CFP and see if your work fits within this year's scope! The conference will be held in Shanks Hall on the university campus on September 23, 2023.

If you are interested in applying, [check out this webpage](#) for more details.

CGPSA Resolution 2022-23A: Resolution Passes

The University Council passed CGPSA Resolution 2022-23A: Resolution to Expand and Secure Access to Reproductive Care at Virginia Tech at their meeting yesterday with 25 votes in favor of the resolution. This resolution, as the name suggests, asks the university to expand the reproductive care offered by Schiffert Health Center.

Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Conference: Call for Judges

The Office of Undergraduate Research is hosting their annual symposium throughout the day on April 28, in Owen's Ballroom. They are looking for presentation judges and graduate students have been a fantastic help in the past, with the bonus of offering them a professional development opportunity that can be included on their resume. The undergraduates are very excited to be sharing their work with the Virginia Tech community. The Office of Undergraduate Research really appreciates the help graduate judges give in rewarding the undergraduates for their hard work! Volunteers can pick from a number of sessions to judge and the minimum time commitment would be 50 minutes.

If you are interested in volunteering as a judge on April 28th, [please fill out this form](#).



Information Privacy: Panel Discussion

APRIL 27 | 2:00-3:00 PM

**COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM B
SQUIRES STUDENT CENTER**



EXPLORING INFORMATION PRIVACY

Join President Tim Sands and University Distinguished Professor France Bélanger as they host a panel on the current state of information privacy in our digital lives, and what you need to know.

Hear from university experts and students as they discuss the risks, safeguards, research, and future of information privacy.



PRESIDENT TIM SANDS
Moderator and co-host



FRANCE BÉLANGER
University Distinguished
Professor, co-host