



General Assembly Meeting
Graduate and Professional Student Senate
10.06.22 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Prior General Assembly Meeting

09.08.22 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Meeting minutes approved

In attendance

President | Ben Beiter: present

Vice President | Chloe Robertson: present

Senators: 51

Quorum reached: yes

Motions

Motion to add a comment from the GPSS on CUSP Resolution 2022-23A

Motion made by Benjamin Beiter

Vote: counted // approved // 37 yes, 1 abstain

Motion to approve a new Director of Finance

Motion made by Benjamin Beiter

Vote: counted // approved // 37 yes, 2 abstain

Motion to end meeting

Motion made by Benjamin Beiter

Vote: counted // approved // 33 yes, 2 no

General Notes

Ad hoc committees

- The GPSS is looking for senators and graduate students to sign up for three new ad hoc committees
 - Health Insurance
 - Graduate Contract Policy 6210
 - Travel Fund Program

Old Business



N/A

New Business

Resolutions

- Resolution 2022-23A Resolution to Provide Sanitary Products for all Campus Bathrooms announced in the senate and will have a first reading on October 20th

Executive Board Reports

- Director of Finance
 - Benjamin Beiter giving updates on behalf of Jonathan Gendron.
 - Jonathan Gendron stepping down. John Barbish stepping up
 - GPSS Budget at beginning of year:
 - Budget Board: \$23,461.76
 - Generated Fund: \$77,996.26
 - Spent so far: ~\$16,000
 - Generated: ~ \$25,000
 - The GSBB has a total budget of \$91,000 and has allocated ~\$11,000
- Director of Advocacy
 - The Housing Survey is still live and graduates are encouraged to fill it out if they haven't done so already
 - The BMVS "Day of Action" was a success
 - The Director of Advocacy is working on Graduate Contracts for policies and assistantships
- Director of Programs
 - Benjamin Beiter giving updates on behalf of Cissy Ming
 - Travel Fund Program (TFP) & Graduate Research Development Program (GRDP) fall money awarded.
 - \$41,000 awarded through TFP
 - \$17,000 awarded through GRDP
 - Ad Hoc Committee: looks at historical data for the TFP by conducting a study on graduate student conference travel and create a report that asks the grad school for more money
- Vice President
 - Resolution explanation: what are they, who can write one, how to write one, and how to bring a resolution to the senate
 - List of resolutions in progress:



- 2022-2023A Resolution to Provide Sanitary Products for all Campus Bathrooms
- 2022-23[x] Resolution to create a Graduate Student Harm Prevention Board
- 2022-23[x] Resolution to create a Training Program for Graduate Student Advisors
- 2022-23[x] Resolution to define Graduate Teaching Assistants as Students for the Purposes of Disability Accommodations
- 2022-23[x] Resolution to Establish Birth Control Guarantees at Schiffert Health Center
- President
 - Health insurance discussion and ad hoc committee
 - Graduate policy 6210 rewrite discussion and a hoc committee

External committee and commission open remarks

- CGPSA updates
 - Movements for students to get more transparency on where their money goes
 - Funding *The Market* because VT charges them \$40,000 a year to have space on University Mall
- Staff Commission
 - Salaries staff will have a pay floor of roughly \$15 p/h
 - Wage earners will be affected by the state mandate of raising minimum wage to \$12 p/h
- Campus Development Committee
 - There are vacancies on this committee and quorum is low
- CASE commission
 - Reviewing possible funding options based on the IRA,
 - Important deadline: proposals must be submitted by Nov. 11th

Ad hoc committee reports

- Graduate Stipend Taskforce
 - Current cost of living is \$2,672 p/m or \$32,069 p/a (before taxes)

Closing Remarks

Upcoming events

- *Halloween Costume Party*
October 27th | Moon Hollow



- *Fall Social*
November 14th | Rising Silo

Signed:

Chloe Robertson