Open Forum (5:00-5:30)

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Senate Meeting

3rd November, 2022

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Meeting Agenda

1. Opening remarks & senator sign-in

2. Exec Board Reports

3. Commission and Committee Reports: Open remarks

4. Ad hoc reports: Health Insurance, 6210 Policy, Living Wage, FOE

5. General Orders: CGPSA22-23A, Cranwell Discussion

6. Unfinished business: CGPSP 22-23A

7. New business: CGPSP 22-23B

8. Closing remarks: Reminders, Elections, Communication, Events!

1. 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!

1. 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.

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from the November 3rd meeting.

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

BOV Rep for Graduate Students

Director of Advocacy

Please take the housing survey, and encourage all other graduate and professional students to do so as well!

https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/GPHousingSurvey22

We need this data to see movement on affordable housing for graduate students!

Director of Programs

The GPSS Travel Fund Program (TFP) Winter Cycle now closed. (https://gpss.vt.edu/programs/tfp.html)

If anyone is willing to assist in reviewing applications, email Cissy! (cissym@vt.edu)

GPSS Spring 2023 Graduate Research Development Program (GRDP) is now open!

Deadline: January 19, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

(https://gpss.vt.edu/programs/grdp.html)

Vice President: Service & Senators

- If you haven't already, please reach out to me for a commission or committee assignment
- If you know of anyone who might be interested in being a senator, please have them reach out to me :)

President: Sexual Violence Climate and Culture

Restructuring basically everything related to sexual violence on campus and expanding upon Title IX and legal requirements

- Some At-large Grad Student Seats
- Open participation on sub-committees

Stay tuned for details

External Committees/Commissions

Open remarks

Ad Hoc Committee:

Health Insurance:

- Draft survey after getting response from the health insurance office

Contract Policy:

- Drafts went up for first reading in CGPSA, working with DAP

Ad Hoc Committee: Graduate Stipend Taskforce

Working on continued drafts of recommendations:

- Defining COL long-term: housing is a discussion point
- Raising minimum stipend
- Waiving Comprehensive Fees
- Plan to increase stipend level long term
- Summer funding, international students, grant proposal resources, philanthropy, etc.

Stay tuned for more ways to show your support.

Ad Hoc Committee: FOE Taskforce

Comments from Exec Board only shared last taskforce meeting.

Final Draft Statement has been issued. Still to Discuss is policy recommendations to come from this.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G3x7CXolNn7QW6Bdf30h6wl-1WM-I69J/view?usp=share_link

General Orders: CGPSA Resolution 22-23A

For Comment: **Resolution to Expand Access to Reproductive Care at Virginia Tech**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zG05eEO-tUEsI5pU2Jm-2qaUrPAiwvV8/view?usp=share_link

General Orders: Cranwell International Discussion

Discussion on experiences of international students and Cranwell International Center

Old Business: CGPSP Resolution 22-23A

For Comment: **Co-op Program Change Resolution**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CsJqVrkeyEn_BLU1-DYIYNqvx8J9yXmi/view?usp=share_link

New Business: CGPSP Resolution 22-23B

For Comment: **Resolution to Establish a Master of Science Degree in Applied Data Science**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BTrB0-ohlYovECaWJxGxwaOgJCiT9N6m/view?usp=share_link

7. 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).

7. Closing Remarks: Elections

Elections Plan:

1. **Nov. 17th:** announcement of Elections Czar: ***Taylor Lightner***
2. **Dec 1st:** Release of blurbs on positions and start calling for people interested in running. Talk to Current Exec and fill out the application.
3. **Jan 17th:** Application closes at beginning of Spring Semester
4. **Jan 19th:** First Spring GPSS Meeting: introduction of candidate
5. **Jan 23rd-26th (ish)** Meet the candidates night
6. **Feb 2nd:** Elections day

7. Closing Remarks: Events

Get ready for some fun events already planned, more to come!

1. **Cookie Decorating with the Dean:**

   Wednesday, December 14,   4:00 – 5:00pm

Grad school Thanksgiving: Tuesday in the GLC!

If you have any events you would like to see in the Spring: Let us know!

Follow the GPSS Calendar to get updates! ttps://tinyurl.com/GPSS22Calendar

7. Closing Remarks: Additional

1. **Graduating in December? Become a Green Graduate!**

    https://forms.gle/fFEaWd7RUj2FLDfbA

7. Closing Remarks: Awards

Faculty mentor of the month:

https://graduateschool.vt.edu/about/awards/outstanding-mentor-award/Mentor_of_the_Month.html

Graduate Student and Outstanding Faculty Mentor Awards:

https://graduateschool.vt.edu/about/awards/student.html

Conclusion

Motion to Adjourn!

Senate Discord:

tinyurl.com/GPSS22SenatorDiscord

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