

**General Assembly Meeting**  
*Graduate and Professional Student Senate*  
11.17.22 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm

**Prior General Assembly Meeting**

11.03.22 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Meeting minutes approved

**In attendance**

President | Ben Beiter: present  
Vice President | Chloe Robertson: present

Senators: 53  
Quorum reached: yes

**Motions**

Motion to ask for a \$32,000 - \$34,000 minimum threshold for the Living Wage Taskforce  
Motion made by: senator  
Vote: counted // approved // 36 yes, 2 abstain

Motion for GPSS to support CGPSA Resolution22-23A Co-op Program Change  
Motion made by: Ben Beiter  
Vote: counted // approved // 35 yes, 2 abstain

Motion for GPSS to wave the right to comment on CGPSP 2022-23B Establish a Master of Science Degree in Applied Data Science  
Motion made by: senator  
Vote: counted // approved // 29 yes, 1 no, 3 abstain

**General Notes**

***Old Business***

Resolutions

- CGPSA 22-23A Co-op Program Change
  - The resolution proposes to change the summer co-op program credit requirement from one credit to zero credits

***New Business***

Executive Board Reports

- Director of Advocacy
  - The housing survey report has around 500 responses so far and is still open for students who haven't already completed it

- The sexual violence climate and culture working group is getting started and senators who are interested can contact Alice Fox to discuss joining
- Director of Finance
  - The Winter TFP cycles has finished but the GRDP is still open
  - Senators who want to review the TFP applications should reach out to Cissy Ming
- Vice President
  - New senators need to serve on a committee or commission
- President
  - The Living Wage taskforce will be drafting a report just after Thanksgiving
  - The next meeting with the Living Wage taskforce is December 1st
- Board of Visitors Representative
  - The Board of Visitors is planning a housing development called the Student Life Village which will cost roughly \$250 million. This is primarily for undergraduate students but there may be room for a graduate section

#### Resolutions

- CGPSA 22-23x Abortion Resolution
  - This was not an official first reading and the senate will have more chances to discuss this resolution in the official first reading at the GPSS
  - The resolution was written with help from some members of the BMVS
  - The resolution covers expand access to pre-existing family planning services to include no cost offerings for non hormonal IUDs, plus asking for more information on vasectomies
- CGPSP 2022-23B Establish a Master of Science Degree in Applied Data Science

#### Cranwell International Center Discussion

- There are three international student advisors for all international students at Virginia Tech (who make up almost 50% of the student population)
- Someone from Cranwell will come to give a presentation to the senate and will answer questions from our senators
- A survey will be sent out to canvas international graduate student concerns ahead of the presentation

#### Closing Remarks

#### Elections

- The election period will run from the end of January '23 into February '23
- The positions don't come into effect until May '23, which gives the incoming executive board time to learn about the positions from the current executive board
- Taylor Lightner will serve as the Elections Czar

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Chloe Robertson', written in a cursive style.

Chloe Robertson