



Senate Brief - January, 19, 202 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.

Housing Survey

The GPSS housing survey is open and aimed at ascertaining the actual housing needs of the graduate community here at Virginia Tech. Participants will be entered into a prize draw to win a gift card once the survey is complete.

If you haven't already done so, you can fill out the housing survey [here](#).

Brown Bag Mentoring Lunches

The Dean of the Graduate School is hosting brown bag lunches for graduate students intended to create and cultivate a community of practice with discussions around Mentoring: challenges, opportunities, experiences. All are welcome, and a Zoom option will be available!

Meeting Times:

- Tuesday, January 24th 12:20-1:20 @Fralin Life Sciences Building Room 105
- Thursday, February 9th 12:20-1:20 @ CID
- Monday, March 27th 12:10-1:10 @G101 Riverside Circle Roanoke
- Thursday, March 30th 12:20-1:20 @Liberal Arts Building Conference Room 005
- Thursday, April 6th 12:20-1:20 @ NVC
- Thursday, April 27th 12:20-1:20 @Newman Library MPR



Community Outreach

Faculty Mentor of the Month

Each month the Graduate School recognizes and highlights “the important role faculty members play in supporting, encouraging, and promoting an affirmative, inclusive scholarly and teaching environment, while contributing to the professional and personal development of graduate students, and cultivating excellence in scholarship”. In service to this, graduate students can nominate a faculty member they believe should receive this award. Participating in programs such as this help highlight faculty that are supportive to graduate students and rewards faculty who believe in mentorship and fair treatment.

To nominate a faculty member, visit [here](#).

209 Market Place Food Pantry

The Wesley Foundation at 209. W. Roanoke St.

If you, or any of your colleagues, are experiencing food insecurity then please check out *209 Market Place* which is a “donation-based, emergency food pantry that provides food, toiletries, and school supplies [for] free to Virginia Tech students in need”. Students can sign up for the food pantry and are allotted a number of points for the week that you can spend as you see fit. Find out more about 209 Market Place [here](#).



COME HANG OUT WITH THE **THERAPY DOGS!**



MONDAYS WITH **JOSIE**

2nd Floor Newman Library
4-5 pm

TUESDAYS WITH **DEREK**

McComas Hall Entrance
4-5 pm



WEDNESDAYS WITH **WAGNER**

Squires Student Center
1-2 pm

