



Senate Brief - August 25, 2022 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.

Because this is the GPSS' first meeting of the year, there are no updates on resolutions. Future briefs will contain updates on new business and old business regarding resolutions discussed during meetings.

Graduate Affordable Housing Survey - SURVEY TESTERS NEEDED

The GPSS will soon distribute a survey to all graduate and professional students that will provide relevant data to communicate the scale and scope of housing and its impact on graduate and professional students. This data will eventually support advocacy efforts.

We are in immediate need of survey testers. If you are interested, please email gpss@vt.edu.

PERL Stipend Study - RESPONDENTS NEEDED

The Political Economy Research Lab has heard that a lot of graduate students did not receive a 5% increase to their stipend this year. Filling out the PERL survey will help determine the scope of this issue.

Please help us ensure all students get the pay increases they've been promised by filling out the PERL survey [here](#).

Meet the Dean Series - Fall 2022

Our first Meet the Dean event will take place **Friday, September 2nd from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM in the GLC Multipurpose Room**. Please RSVP [through GobblerConnect](#). More Meet the Dean Series events will be hosted throughout the semester.

Halloween Costume Party

Save the date for our GPSS Halloween Social - **Thursday, October 27th at Moon Hollow Brewing**.

Fall Social



Save the date for our GPSS Fall Social - **Monday, November 14th at Rising Silo Brewery.**

Community Outreach

Flooding in Eastern Kentucky - Donations Needed

Some VT faculty and students are working with local mutual aid orgs and EKY Mutual Aid to get funds and supplies to folks who have been impacted by the floods in Eastern Kentucky. To find out more about the flooding and those whose lives have been affected, read the article [here](#).

To donate money to buy a trailer for a displaced family, visit:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8M8d0EkbQF>. You can also donate money to EKY Mutual Aid @ekymutualaid on PayPal.

The aid organizations are also looking for donations of the following items:

- Mold control spray
- Sprayers
- Yard carts, gorilla carts, & wheelbarrows
- Sturdy shovels
- Books for public school libraries (2 elementary and 2 middle school), public libraries, & community centers