

Senate Brief - March 31, 2022 Meeting

Please be mindful about who you share information with concerning GPSS. More importantly, be careful about whose information you share so that nobody is put in danger.

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.

Meet the Dean Series

- ❖ Don't miss out on our upcoming **Taco Talk with Dean Surprenant on Monday, April 11th from 12-1pm in GLC Room F and Zoom!** We will provide a chicken taco bar with soda and water. An open forum for you to ask Dean Surprenant questions starts at 12:15pm. The RSVP deadline for in-person attendance has passed, but if you plan to attend on Zoom, please [register](#) by 11:30am on Monday, April 11th to receive the Zoom link and meeting ID. Hosted by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. Please email Emily Burns at emilyb16@vt.edu with access needs or questions.

MONEY!

- ❖ **The GPSS Spring 2022 Travel Fund Program maximum reimbursement amount has been increased from \$500 to \$1,500!** In addition, you are welcome to submit applications for multiple conferences and you may also submit an application, even if you already received funding for the Winter 2021-2022 or Fall 2021 semester. However, applicants that have not already received funding this fiscal year will be prioritized. All other applications will be funded on a first-come, first-serve basis as funding allows. This opportunity is unique to this cycle only. Past and future TFP guidelines will differ. **The deadline has been extended to Monday, April 11th @ 11:59PM EST to allow for additional applications.** Please contact kalward@vt.edu with any questions.
- ❖ **The GPSS Spring 2022 Graduate Research Development program funding amount has been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000!** This opportunity is unique to this cycle only. Past and future GRDP guidelines will differ. Please submit applications by Monday, April 11th @ 11:59 EST. If you have already submitted an application and would like to amend it or if you have any questions, please contact kalward@vt.edu.

Open Comment Session (Continued):

The Office for Strategic Affairs invites you to participate in the Diversity and Innovation Think Tank Conversation Series by joining a Conversation during one of the following dates and times: (You will receive the Zoom meeting link and information after you register)

Option 1 - Tuesday, April 5, 4pm-5pm

Registration link:

https://virginiatech.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtd-CprzIsGddMv3oAprLLPNj_-EyZnwVk

Option 2 - Friday, April 8, 9am-10am

Registration link:

https://virginiatech.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdOqgqTgsG9YzYs7pRJNIOU7I2_FoGPA

A Ton of Surveys

[Healthy Minds Survey](#) ;; [Grad Climate Survey](#) ;; [Childcare Survey](#) ;; [Culture of Sustainability Survey](#)