

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**For public release pursuant to Senate action on February 28, 2024.**

**Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)**

Ninth Meeting – *Executive Session*

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024; 6:00 PM - **End Time: 8:00 PM**

*Virtual through Webex*

**AGENDA**

- I. **SP24-R001** - *“Resolution on Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions at Purdue University*
  - a. Period of Discussion
    - i. Point of privilege – Parliamentarian – Motion to allow the legislation’s co-authors to reenter the session
      1. Seconded by the Senator from Math
      2. Requires a simple majority
      3. Motion carries with no objection
    - ii. Senate Chair to the authors – Because this is an executive session, what is said and what happens in here is not allowed to be released to the public unless the Senate elects to do so at a later time.
    - iii. Point of Privilege by Senator from Chemical Engineering – On behalf of the senator from AAE who appeared to unmute, but did not.
    - iv. Senate Chair to the Parliamentarian – does the speaking order reset?
      1. Parliamentarian – if nobody in the Speaker order was expelled, then no it does not reset.
    - v. Senator from Math – Would like to say how disappointed they are and how undemocratic it was to go into executive session
      1. There were constituents who wanted to hear what we have to say and what decision we make
      2. Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions (BDS) movements happen all the time. It is very common for companies to sever ties with countries who do bad things
      3. Colleges around the country ended ties with Russia when they invaded Ukraine
      4. This past Monday, the University of Michigan Faculty Senate voted to divest
      5. This is huge. BDS movements have been happening for 20 years.
      6. It took 40 years in South Africa, but they did it and ended apartheid.
    - vi. Senate Chair – Point of information to the meeting’s cohosts – nobody else can be admitted to this meeting now that we are in executive session.
    - vii. Senator from Chemical Engineering – Would like to hear from other senators, but it seems that the ones speaking are all repeats
      1. In a complex situation as in Israel and Palestine, there are complex realities that are not the fault of Israel.
      2. Therefore, I oppose BDS-ing Israel
      3. I motion to end discussion and move to a period of voting on the legislation
      4. Requires a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority – not debatable
      5. Seconded by President
      6. Senate Chair – can executive board members second these motions?
      7. Parliamentarian – yes


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8. Point of Information from the Senator from BPP – I think you confused me with another senator, I have not spoken this time
  - a. Senate Chair – that was about the speaking order from both the last meeting and this one and in the last meeting you did speak on this legislation.
  - b. Senator from BPP – So we combined the speaking order from the last meeting and this meeting?
  - c. Senate Chair – yes
9. Point of order – this says FA23-B005 on virtual poll for voting
  - a. Senate Chair – yes I forgot to change it, but it’s meant to be a vote on this motion
10. Vote on the motion to end discussion and move to a period of voting:
  - a. Ayes: 29
  - b. Nays: 13
  - c. Ayes have it, Discussion is now closed.
- viii.** Senator from Math – Motion to make the vote public.
  1. Motion is in order
  2. Seconded by Senator from ATT
    - a. Requires a 50% majority to carry
  3. Point of inquiry by Senator from ATT – is this debatable?
    - a. Parliamentarian – do not think it would be since it is requesting a different form of voting
    - b. Senate Chair – no this is just another motion
  4. Voting on motion
    - a. Ayes – 14
    - b. Nays – 29
    - c. Motion does not carry, votes will be anonymized.
- ix.** Voting on SP24-R001
  1. Ayes: 11
  2. Nays: 21
  3. Abs: 5
  4. Legislation fails, SP24-R001 does not pass.
- x.** Point of Order – Senator from ECE – My vote went away after I put it in?
  1. Senate Chair – yes, because it is anonymous so it will disappear once it is counted. You should get a direct message from the bot telling you that your vote was counted
- xi.** Point of inquiry – Senator from Sociology – Wondering if the vote disappeared from the list because it was anonymous, if they press it again will it log it twice?
  1. Senate Chair – according to the bot it is supposed to override that
  2. Senator from Statistics – If you hit it twice you remove your vote completely
- xii.** Senator from Math – Motion to revote on the grounds that there was confusion with the poll
  1. Parliamentarian – you can move to do that. Oddly enough, I think there is a vote to revote, but it could be moved by unanimous consent
  2. Seconded by Senator from HDFS
  3. Point of Inquiry Senator from ECE – is it possible to see a list of senators who voted without their votes?

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- a. Senate Chair: It is not, I just get the number of votes and cannot see any names.
4. Any opposition?
  - a. Opposed by President
    - i. Point of order – Parliamentarian – President is not a voting member and cannot oppose
  - b. Point of Order – Senator from VCS – make it clear that if we click once we should not click again
    - i. Senate Chair – we will come to this if we revoke
  - c. Opposed by Senator from VCS
  - d. Requires a 50% majority
    - i. Ayes: 26
    - ii. Nays: 14
    - iii. Motion Carries, we will recount the anonymous poll.
5. Senate Chair – Do we have a better suggestion to do this vote?
  - a. Parliamentarian – Just note that if you click twice, it removes your vote.
  - b. Senate Chair – You will receive a message from the bot that your vote was counted
  - c. Senate Clerk – Also note that you have to wait a moment to receive that message, it does not necessarily come immediately
6. Vote recount
  - a. Ayes: 14
  - b. Nays: 22
  - c. Abstentions: 7
  - d. Legislation fails.
7. Point of information – Senate Chair – am I allowed to disclose the vote?
  - a. Parliamentarian – to the public?
  - b. Senate Chair – Pass it on because it is a joint resolution.
  - c. Parliamentarian – on the Joint legislation side, you simply do not pass on anything since it is no longer a joint resolution
  - d. Senate Chair – is there anything that allows us to allow the vote to be shared for the legislation
8. Point of Privilege – Parliamentarian – Motion to exit executive session and return to regular session
  - a. Seconded by Senator from HDFS
  - b. **Ayes have it. The executive session has ended and PGSS returns to regular session.**

Minutes APPROVED during an executive session during virtual PGSS meeting held on February 28, 2024.

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