



## Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)

Second Meeting

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 PM - **End Time: 8:00 PM**

Lawson Computer Science Building, Room 1142

### AGENDA

#### **I. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting called to order by Senate Chair at 6:04 pm.

#### **II. Roll Call\***

- a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
- b. Executive Board
  - i. Present
    - 1. President
    - 2. Parliamentarian
    - 3. Legislative Affairs Officer
    - 4. Treasurer
    - 5. Community Team Chair
    - 6. Diversity Chair
    - 7. Senate Chair
    - 8. Grant Review and Allocation Committee Chair
  - ii. Not Present
    - 1. Life Team Chair
    - 2. Career Team Chair
  - iii. Vacant
    - 1. Public Relations Officer
    - 2. Chief of Staff
- c. Senators
  - i. See Appendix A for senator attendance list
  - i. 50 of 55 senators present. Quorum is met.
  - ii. Senator vacancies will be appended to these minutes (Appendix B) as required by governing documents.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes (*General Consent*)**

- a. No motion to amend minutes.
- b. Reading waved by general consent
- c. Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2023 senate meeting made by Senator from AAE
  - i. Second by Senator from AgSEC
- d. Motion carried by acclamation

#### **IV. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. No motion to amend the agenda.
- b. Motion to approve the meeting agenda made by Senator from AAE
  - i. Second by Senator From Civil Engineering
- c. Motion carried by acclamation

#### **V. Consent Agenda (*any item may be removed by a single voice*)**

- a. Approval of consent agenda
  - i. Hearing no opposition, the Chair orders items on the consent agenda to be entered into the minutes as noted.
- b. Committee and Team Reports

- i. GRAC Minutes
  - 1. So ordered. Entered as Appendix C
- ii. Community Team Minutes
  - 1. So ordered. Entered as Appendix D
- c. Other Reports
  - i. So ordered. Entered as Appendix E
- d. Reports of University Committees and Boards
  - i. University Senate Report
    - 1. So ordered. Entered as Appendix F

**VI. Officer Reports** (*General Consent*)

- a. President Verbal Report
  - i. Highlighting some parts of the written report.
  - ii. Financial code of operations is under discussion right now with SAO and BOSO
    - 1. PGSG is currently using the 2021 version.
  - iii. The PGSG budget was approved by SAO and BOSO. Will be brought before the senate.
  - iv. \$5,000 approved from PGSG as an endowment for MHAW kick-off party.
    - 1. If your GSO is interested in collaborating, let the President know.
  - v. Appointments at PUSH and CAPS
    - 1. 26% of CAPS appointments are graduate students
  - vi. Writefull premium account will be purchased, but has not yet been officially purchased.
    - 1. Some may already have access through their Purdue account, but not all will at this time.
  - vii. Shuttle service will start next month
    - 1. Will send an email asking if anyone wants to be part of the approval process.
    - 2. Some things to consider for approval
      - a. Set number of distance
      - b. Accessibility needs,
      - c. Request limits
      - d. Seat availability
      - e. Behavior
      - f. Etc.
    - 3. Mental Health First Aider meeting
  - viii. Questions
    - 1. Emergency healthcare appointments?
      - a. The ability to schedule appointments opens at 8:00 pm the night before.
      - b. 5 Dr. 6 NPs at PUSH
      - c. 42 slots being handled each day
      - d. You can walk-in, but it is recommended to walk in early in the morning.
      - e. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
    - 2. Senator from Civil Engineering– Regarding an email from the President about the bus routes being implemented. The survey?
      - a. A survey was conducted to address the immediate need of graduate students.
      - b. We have \$40,000 for the entire year to come up with a solution
        - i. We have to decide between having an on-demand service, or specific routes.

1. Last year's pilot showed that not many people subscribed to the specific routes, so talking about switching to an on demand service
  - ii. Will be working with the company Rides2you
    1. They are willing to come here and provide the service
    2. They function similarly to Uber
    3. You submit ride requests for the week, and then someone from PGSG will go through and approve the requests.
    4. They are planning to do a 30-day test run.
    5. Right now it will be in the evenings on weekends (Saturday and Sunday), but the president is in negotiations to get the company to do weekday services as well
  - iii. President not want to be the only one who works on approving/filtering these requests and would like others to be involved in the process.
  - iv. long-term solutions – the provost is looking at renegotiating bus routes with city bus
  - v. Data collected from the survey will help with this negotiation process.
3. Senator from AAE – What are we expecting for the ride services?
    - a. It is more like a cab. Right now, the point we are at is that the president has provided a list of potential stops on and off campus. This week will be figuring out if people can go anywhere, or just specific stops.
    - b. Currently it seems that it is for a 1-person ride.
    - c. The cost is about \$1.10-\$1.12 per ride.
    - d. President is going to try to get it to where there will be multiple people in the same ride for cost efficiency purposes.
    - e. No commitment for how many drivers there will be.
    - f. We will try to modify the service once we see how things are going too.
    - g. Helping with this is a great opportunity to advocate for your constituents.
  4. Senator from American Studies – How are we going to work on mitigating risks on specific issues including assaults, violence, kidnapping, etc.
    - a. The chosen service that has a lot of clauses in their contracts for their drivers to maintain passenger safety
    - b. Purdue transportation chose to go with this service because of their assurance of safety.
  5. Senator from AAE – what kind of collaboration are you looking for from the GSOs for MHAW?
    - a. PGSG is utilizing \$5,000 for the kickoff event. Community team cannot help due to having so many events on their agenda including MHAW events.
    - b. Forms of collaborations the president is looking for include:
      - i. financial
      - ii. advertising
      - iii. human power

- c. CAPS is willing to come in with their resources for food, bouncy houses, etc.
- d. If PGSG is contributing this \$\$, there is a priority for graduate student participation.
  - i. Senators, please advertise the event to your constituents
  - ii. Having people to sit in on planning meetings can be helpful too
- 6. Senator from AgSEC – Emergency mental health aider training, logistics? Our role, how involved, how often, what services we offer, etc.
  - a. Advertisement that went out links to the exact training that will be done
  - b. 9-hour training to making participants aware of what resources are
  - c. Mental Health Aiders are expected to guide people to appropriate resources on campus
  - d. PGSG is paying for 15 grad students to do this
    - i. Dr. Z. Evans will conduct the training
    - ii. It will be held at the Graduate student Center from 8am - 5pm on the date.
- 7. Follow-up Questions from Senator from AgSEC – How do they contact us? Are we expected to be on-call 24 hours a day? How are they getting connected with us?
  - a. Training is just to make you aware of what resources Purdue has and connect them to the appropriate resource.
  - b. You do not have to be active 24-hours
  - c. You will sign a consent form to having your information on the PGSG website
    - i. More specifically, your email will be on the website so they can contact you for resources.
  - d. you are under no obligation to support students in any way aside from directing them to resources. You are not serving as a mental health professional in any capacity, just guiding people to the professionals.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. No old business.

**VIII. New Business**

**a. Introduction of Emergency Legislation**

- i. No Emergency Legislation introduced.

**b. Election of Executive Board Officers**

- i. Two senators will be chosen by random selection to serve as the election committee.
  - 1. Senator from Veterinary Medicine and Senator from Biological Sciences will serve as election committee.

**ii. Chief of Staff (COS) Election**

- 1. Eligibility requirements for the COS position
  - a. Must be a current or past executive board member. If candidates do not meet criteria, senate must vote to waive criteria by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority
- 2. Senator From GSM nominates Sri Raghya Sai Sowmya Seeram.
  - a. Candidate does not meet eligibility requirements.
    - i. Senator from ABE moves to waive the eligibility criteria.
      - 1. Second by Senator from Statics

2. Motion carries. The eligibility criteria requirement has been waived for the candidacy of Sri Ragma Sai Somwya Seeram.
- b. 5 minute presentation
- i. Taken responsibilities such as this before during undergrad
  - ii. Currently serving as the ECEGSA secretary.
  - iii. 2nd year PhD student in ECE
  - iv. Without having held this type of position before, She assures that she is quick learner and will put in time to learn about the role
    1. She spoke with some of the current executive board members to learn about the roles and responsibilities of the COS position before deciding to run for the position.
    2. Throughout her academic journey she has built communication, networking, teamwork, and organization skills
    3. Will try her hardest to fulfill the responsibilities of COS
    4. Asks for senate support
- c. 5 minute questions
- i. Senator from Engineering Education — How would you take initiative for things that you didn't have guidance to learn and how to apply new things?
    1. Will seek guidance from previous COS and experienced board members to learn whatever is needing
    2. In terms of new initiatives, a fresh face already gives you that and helps you get a fresh perspective of things.
  - ii. Senator from MSE – What parts are you excited to participate in/inspired you to nominate yourself
    1. Coming from India, did all of her schooling in a local school and did not meet so many new people
    2. Has come to meet new people in graduate school
    3. Most excited about getting to meet all sorts of new people outside of her department within the diverse graduate school community
  - iii. Senator from AAE – Are there any changes you are looking forward to making or are thinking about making?
    1. Don't know much about the status quo, need to learn more about the organization first
    2. believes she can contribute once she is done learning about the current state of the organization
  - iv. Senator from ATT – Why this specific position?
    1. Honest that she's not good at time management and organization, but believes it will help her develop these skills

- v. Senator from Forestry – What are some of the duties you will have if elected?
  1. helping the president
  2. coordinating teams nights
  3. many other duties.
- vi. President – Are you available every wednesday from 5pm-8pm or later
  1. yes
- vii. GRAC Chair – Are you available for Friday morning meetings?
  1. As long as it is before 1:30
- viii. Senator from Engineering Ed – Accounting for the needs of the senators?
  1. Wanted more networking and believes she will be able to do it.
3. AGSEC nominates Oluwatosin Benjamin Fakunle
  - a. Candidate does not meet the eligibility requirements.
    - i. Senator from Political Science motions to waive eligibility criteria
      1. Second by Senator from Biological Sciences
    - ii. Motion carries. The eligibility criteria requirement has been waived for the candidacy of Oluwatosin Benjamin Fakunle.
  - b. 5 minute presentation
    - i. Department of AgSEC
    - ii. Will try as best as possible to fulfill duties
    - iii. previous experiences
      1. President of student government in undergrad
      2. Knows what the office of COS is about and what it entails
      3. Communicating between people will be something he will do with ease
      4. Has served as senate as an undergraduate too
      5. Organized the best summer picnic
      6. Ready to do more if elected to position
      7. Will ensure everything goes well and smoothly
    - iv. Aware that will coordinate the activities and committees
    - v. Also realized he did not have classes on Wednesday evenings, so it works
    - vi. A vote for him is a vote for dedication, effectiveness, organization and progress.
  - c. 5 minute questions
    - i. Treasurer – Ideas about team nights and improving communication between teams, senators, and executive board?
      1. Strategic abilities to do this
      2. Making sure that everyone is connected together
      3. Making sure everyone gets the correct information
    - ii. Senator from Biochem – why this position?
      1. Believes in service to humanity
      2. Will be able to do this with vote



3. Is here because he wants to serve, he has served, and he loves serving.
- iii. Senator from AAE – Some experiences from prior experiences you plan to bring to COS?
  1. Heavy is the head who wears the crowns
  2. Learned how to persevere in these types of positions
  3. Being open minded and ready to learn and ready to be innovative and to make sure to leave the position better than it was left.
- iv. Parliamentarian – COS does not relinquish role in senate
  1. Not currently a senator
- v. Senator from Philosophy and Literature – What does progress look like to you?
  1. Not redundant
  2. Leaving office better than how you found it
- vi. President – how to leave better than found it. COS already began responsibilities. Do you have plans for coordinating current point systems?
  1. One thing he will do is link with the incumbent COS to learn from her and to see where she is so he knows where to start from
  2. Check with responsibilities and with the incumbent COS and how it is going. check records to see how to make things better.
- vii. Senator from ECE– Progress/making things better – one thing you made better?
  1. Time limit hit, question was unable to be entered.
4. 5- minute discussion period on candidates
  - a. Candidates exited room during discussion
  - b. Senate discussed candidates for positions
5. Voting Results
  - a. 16 –Sowmya Seeram
  - b. 32 - Benjamin Fakunle
  - c. Benjamin Fakunle will be the 2023-24 PGSG Chief of Staff.

### iii. Public Relations Officer (PRO) Election

1. Eligibility requirements for the PRO position
  - a. Nominees have to have served on a team or as a designee for an executive board member. If candidates do not meet criteria, the senate must vote to waive criteria by  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.
2. Senator from IE nominates Ajith Annvaghula
  - a. Served as interim for 1 month. Meets eligibility requirements.
  - b. 5 minute presentation
    - i. 1st year PhD in IE
    - ii. Joined last year as a master's student
      1. IEGSO – presently the vice president of the IEGSO
        - a. Learned how to facilitate positions and deal with different members of the organization
- iii. Wants to reach out to more and more graduate students which is how he came across the vacancy of the PRO position

- iv. Wants to learn more and sharpen skills as PRO and the more effective ways to reach the graduate students
  - v. Has served as the interim for the past month. Has learned how to do PR for PGSG and a lot more. It has been a good experience so far.
  - vi. The skill set for PRO will help him progress in reaching more graduate students.
  - vii. Interacting with issues on the city buses. He got to see the human side of this.
  - viii. This opportunity would be a great starting step for him to reach a broader audience at Purdue University.
- c. 5 minute questions
- i. Senator from Forestry – You are currently serving as interim PRO? What have you encountered and how have you dealt with that? Since you are the VP of IEGSO, how will you balance the VP position and the PRO position for PRO. How will you coordinate your time?
    - 1. Most challenging thing is seeing how Purdue communicates certain things.
      - a. examples
        - i. MHAW poster
        - ii. Survey for city bus issues
      - b. Being interim PRO has been a good experience. Trying to get responses from people has been difficult. As soon as he got into the work, it smoothed his experience.
    - 2. Capitalizing time – VP as IEGSO, his role is just interacting with IE faculty and trying to schedule meetings and coordinate with other organizations, so it overlaps with PRO. Since roles are not that different, it reduces the amount of time needed for both because they can overlap in work.
  - ii. Senator from ECE – What is one gap that you have observed or experienced in the way that PRO faces that you want to fix?
    - 1. The current main form of communication with graduate students is the newsletters, however with new applications every year, communicating via instagram, groupme, other social media, depending on the type of information.
    - 2. Wants to start using different formats to reach a broader range of audience.
  - iii. Senator from Engineering Management – What innovative or new strategies do you want to bring to enhance outreach of events?
    - 1. utilizing instagram.
    - 2. Lack of communication with teams makes it difficult
    - 3. Time limit reached.
3. Senator from ME Nominates Adewole E. Babalola
  - a. Candidate does not meet the eligibility requirements



- i. Senator from ECE motions to waive eligibility criteria
    1. Second by Senator from Mechanical engineering
  - ii. Motion Carries. The eligibility criteria requirement has been waived for the candidacy of Adewole E. Babalola.
- b. 5 minute presentation
- i. 2021 he recalls that the PRO sent out a call for an internship and he applied to design websites. There was a lot of conversation about it, but he was not picked.
  - ii. Opportunity to serve in PGSG
  - iii. He is a web designer and has a lot of experience designing different kinds of websites
  - iv. He knows how to write stories, shoot movies, etc.
  - v. Soft skills –
  - vi. PRO of the Nigerian student organization
    1. Online presence of the student organization has improved in his tenure.
    2. Award for most consistent.
  - vii. Privileged to volunteer.
    1. webmaster
  - viii. A lot more competencies than he thinks
  - ix. He wants to give back to the community.
  - x. If voted, wants to give back to the PGSG community.
- c. 5 minute questions
- i. Senator from GSM– A lot of rules/bylaws are passed in the Senate. How do you plan to get that across to everyone?
    1. A lot of communication shadows.
    2. LinkedIn is more effective than instagram. So wants to use LinkedIn
    3. Discord, telegram.
    4. Use all sorts of media outlets including emails
  - ii. Senator from ABE – How comfortable you are with sending newsletters on a regular basis
    1. He started the first newsletter of a previous organization that he was primarily in charge of. He designed it from scratch and worked with sharing it out.
  - iii. Senator from AgSEC – What methods to collect feedback? Are you comfortable with sharing that with us regularly?
    1. Send out Qualtrics forms. Also using microsoft forms which gives instant feedback.
      - a. You can also look at the statistics
  - iv. Senator from ME – Will you utilize twitter? PGSG does not currently
    1. He has done so before, so he is open to that now.
    2. His current work is basically dealing with social media.
  - v. Senator from ECE –How will you utilize the team to further the communication?

1. Communication is essential and so is communication collaboration. Important to look at the strengths of every member of the committees.
  2. He is an instructional designer and he wants to allow individuals to flourish in their skills
- vi. AAE – Improving website?
1. Time was called
4. 5- minute discussion period on candidates
- a. Candidates exited room during discussion
  - b. Senate discussed candidates for positions
5. Voting Results:
- a. 10 - Ajith
  - b. 37 - Adewole
  - c. Adewole E. Babalola will be the 2023-24 PGSG Public Relations Officer.
- c. Consideration of PGSG and PSG Prospective Joint Resolution\*\***
- i. FA23-R001 - “Resolution establishing the recognition of Juneteenth on the Purdue University Academic Calendar”**
1. Senator from Biological Sciences moves to waive reading.
    - a. Second by Parliamentarian.
    - b. Ayes have it. Reading of FA23-R001 has been waived
  2. Sponsor – Yields time to Authors
    - a. Diversity Officer
      - i. Juneteenth – commemorate the end of slavery in 1867 in Texas. It was marked as a National holiday by President Joe Biden in 2021. Is not official in Indiana yet, but it is potential.
      - ii. 11 out of 16 Big 10 universities have Juneteenth on their academic calendars, Purdue does not.
      - iii. This legislation is to recognize Juneteenth on Purdue’s calendar.
  3. Parliamentarian –
    - a. LRC determined that this legislation is constitutional and has all necessary clauses needed.
    - b. If passed, it will go to PSG senate for consideration
      - i. Will come back to us if any amendments are needed.
  4. President –
    - a. This is important legislation
    - b. Wants to make amendments to the legislation which involve sending it to the education policy and to the diversity and inclusion committee.
  5. Motion to adjourn by Parliamentarian
    - a. Second by Senator from Political Science
    - b. Point of Inquiry by Senator from ABE – what happens to legislation if the meeting adjourns before it is voted on?
      - i. Senate Chair: The legislation is tabled
    - c. Point of Inquiry by Senator from ABE – When is the next PSG meeting? Will it cause issues to wait?
      - i. Senate Chair: No, there is a virtual senate meeting next week. PSG’s meeting is October 4th

- d. Point of Inquiry by Senator from American Studies– why are we not bringing this legislation to the Black Cultural Center?
  - i. Ruled out of order by Senate Chair – this question can be asked during discussion.
- e. Point of Inquiry by Senator from Aerospace – What is BCC?
  - i. Ruled out of order by Senate Chair
- 6. A motion to adjourn has been made and seconded. Since this motion to adjourn was authored prior to the set adjournment time, it carries a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote requirement.
  - a. Ayes have it, Adjourned at 8:01 pm

7. This legislation is tabled until the next Senate meeting on September 27, 2023.

~~d. Special Order – Discussion Regarding Graduate Student Housing (Somosmita Mitra)\*\*\*~~

~~e. Consideration of New Legislation\*\*~~

~~i. FA23-B001 – “Establishing a Graduate Student Shuttle Voucher Program”~~

~~ii. FA23-B002 – “Establishment of the Purdue Graduate Student Government Diversity Team”~~

~~f. Special Order Discussion Regarding Graduate Student Engineering Differential Fee (Paschal Amusuo)\*\*\*~~

~~g. Consideration of Emergency Legislation~~

~~h. None of the above stricken through items were formally introduced and are therefore ineligible to be tabled. They will be re-introduced or re-placed on the agenda as new business for the next meeting.~~

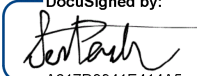
#### IX. Announcements

- a. Beware of Phishing Attempts
  - i. Tabled due to adjournment to next meeting: September 27, 2023
- b. Seeking GSO collaborations for the 'PGSG MHAW kick-off party'
  - i. Tabled due to adjournment to next meeting: September 27, 2023

#### X. Adjournment

- a. The motion to adjourn was authored prior to set adjournment time and therefore carries a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote requirement.
  - i. Motion to adjourn by Parliamentarian
    - 1. Seconded by Senator from Political Science
    - 2. Motion passes by majority vote.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Minutes APPROVED by unanimous consent at virtual PGSS meeting on September 27, 2023.

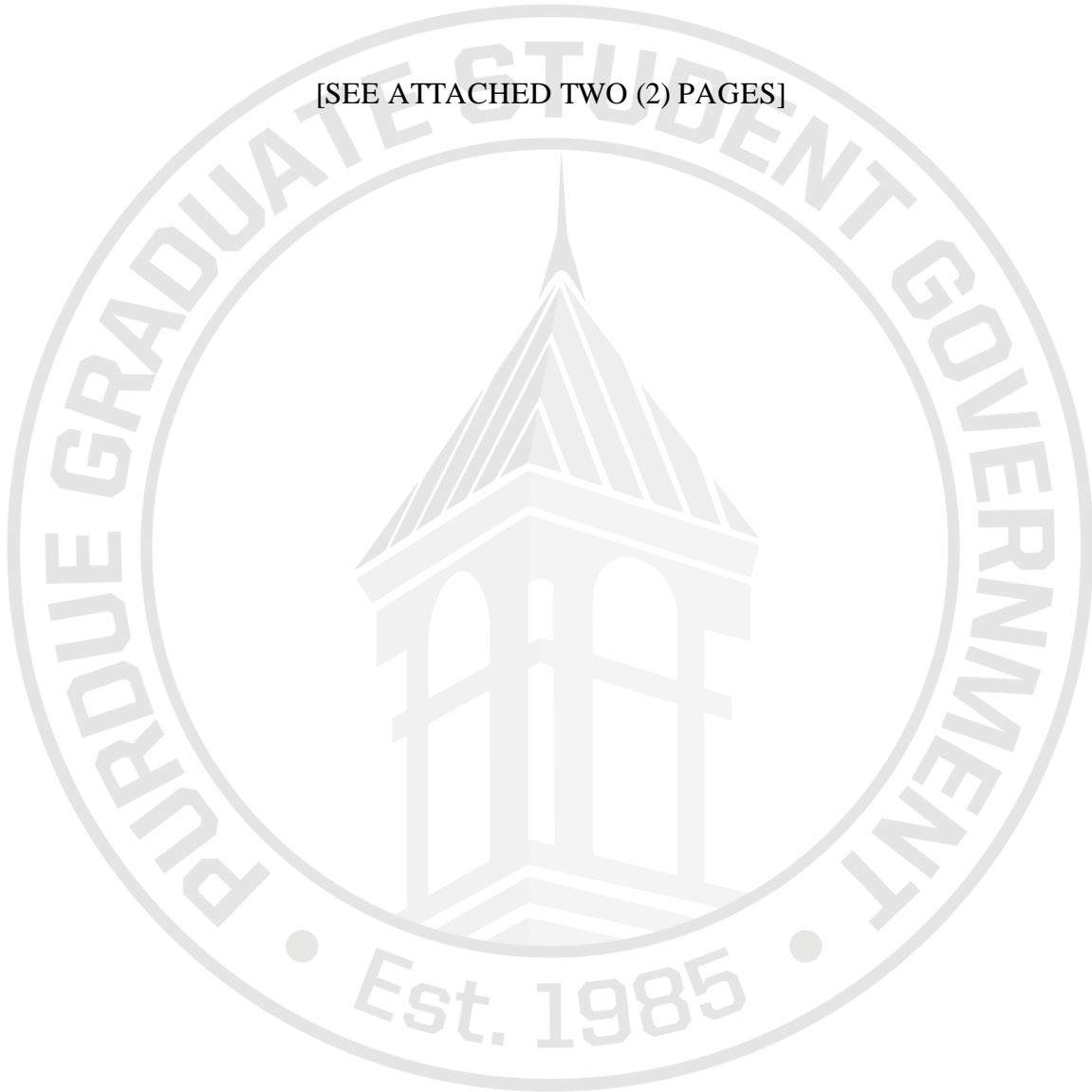
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Senate Clerk

## APPENDIX A

### SENATOR ROLL CALL

[SEE ATTACHED TWO (2) PAGES]



Present (50)

Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE) - Josue N. Rivera  
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) - Daphne Fauber  
Agricultural Economics - Diamilatou Kane  
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC) - Mathew Smith  
American Studies - David Tortolini  
Animal Sciences - Opeadura Timileyin Osunbami  
Anthropology - Rebecca Gale Martinez  
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT) - Luigi Raphael Dy  
Biochemistry - Victor Gutierrez-Schultz  
Biological Sciences - Morgan Chaney  
Biomedical Engineering - Mikayla Roach  
Chemistry - Lawal Ogunfowora (Acting Senator)  
Civil Engineering - Jose Capa Salinas  
Communication - Husen-Chi Chiu  
Computer Science (CS) - Jacob White  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Jacob Mishne  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) - Michael Oyelakin  
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE) - Jamie Klamerus  
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) - Paschal Amusuo  
Engineering Education - Kevin Jay Kaufman-Ortiz  
Engineering Management - Titiksha Wagh  
English - Jeeyoung Choi  
Entomology - Leslie Aviles  
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE) - Venkat Roy  
Food Science - Rae Silver  
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) - Desmond Sosu Mensah  
Gerontology - Destiny Ogle  
Global Supply Chain Management (GSM) - Rohan Saini  
Health Sciences - Joseph Speth  
History - Secret Permenter  
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA) - Ishraq Awashra  
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) - Chang Ma  
Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS) - Can Carkoglu  
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (IPPH) - Shambhavi Borde (Acting Senator)  
Industrial Engineering - Mohammad Ahmadi Gharehtoragh  
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC) - Tuba Marjan  
Languages and Cultures - Adewuyi Roseline  
Materials Engineering - Daniel Sinclair  
Mathematics - Patrick Henry Debonis  
Mechanical Engineering (ME) - Meghavin Bhatasana  
Nuclear Engineering (NE) - Stepan Ozerov  
Nutrition Science - Qianyue Wang  
Philosophy - James Emery  
Philosophy and Literature - Miguel Hernandez  
Physics and Astronomy - Mickey Bergman  
Political Science - Benjamin E Torres  
Sociology - Corey Resweber



Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) - Margaret Ziko  
Statistics - Kyle Conrad  
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (TLI) - Elizabeth Thompson

Not Present (5)

Chemical Engineering - Isaac S. Wheeler  
Comparative Literature - Marisa J Bryans  
Engineering Technology - Praga Giri  
Management (MGMT) - Jinfeng "Phoenix" Chen  
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe) - Lauren Wilbanks





## APPENDIX B

### NEWLY APPOINTED SENATORS

[SEE ATTACHED ONE (1) PAGE]



### Newly Appointed Senators

Department	College	Senator
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	Veterinary Medicine	Jacob Mishne
Gerontology	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies	Destiny Ogle
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC)	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies	Tuba Marjan
Philosophy and Literature	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies	Miguel Hernandez
Engineering Management	Engineering	Titiksha Wagh
Entomology	Agriculture	Leslie Aviles
Industrial Engineering	Engineering	Mohammad Ahmadi Gharehtoragh



**APPENDIX C**  
**GRAC MINUTES**

[SEE ATTACHED THREE (3) PAGES]





**Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG)**  
*Grant Review & Allocation Committee Meeting Minutes*

First Meeting  
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:30 pm  
Physics Building Room 203

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by the PGSG President as acting GRAC chair.
- II. Roll call**
  - a. Roll Call taken virtually through Qualtrics.
- III. Approval of April & June's Minutes**
  - a. No proposals for correction.
  - b. Send meeting minutes to August reviewers.
  - c. Minutes approved by general consent.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Consent Agenda** (*any item that can be removed a single voice*)
- VI. New Business**
  - a. 23-24 Notetaker election
    - i. The notetaker is eligible for the Above and Beyond Award at the end of the semester. - \$250
    - ii. Candidates
      1. Jasmyne Emerson
        - a. 38 Votes in favor
        - b. 0 Votes against
      - i. Jasmyn Emerson will be the 2023-24 GRAC Notetaker.
- VII. Officer Reports**
  - a. Chair – Ali Holmes (Somosmita Mitra as acting Chair) verbal report
    - i. We have received an additional \$30,000 from the Graduate School to allocate to tier 3 travel grants
      1. Tier 3 Grants are \$300.
    - ii. Going forward, if you are attending virtually, you can vote ahead of time; however, votes will close according to the meeting minutes
    - iii. Schwag points
      1. Travel Grants: 1 review = 3 points
      2. Professional, GSOGA, and Symposium Grants: 1 review = 2 points
      3. Going forward, I will include a link to the meeting minutes that reflects reviewers' current points.
    - iv. Childcare Grants are now open until September 23rd
    - v. GRAC has received and processed two graduate student equipment fund applications.
  - b. Professional Grant Vice Chair – Rohan Dekate verbal report
    - i. 8 applications received, 7 deemed eligible
  - c. GSOGA Vice Chair – Rajsri Raghu verbal report

- i. Says hi and introduces herself.
- ii. 8 applications this round,
  - 1. 2 funding plans will be discussed later.
- d. Symposium Vice Chair – Rajsri Raghu verbal report
  - i. No applications this round.
- e. Travel Grant Vice Chair – Meredith Ziliak verbal report
  - i. Introduction.
  - ii. Had some monetary differences.
  - iii. 68 applications this round
    - 1. Only 53 applications were eligible.
  - iv. 2 grants that were sent out were ineligible.
    - 1. No need to worry about it.
  - v. Appreciates everyone’s time in finishing applications.
  - vi. Will try to cap future reviews at 10 reviews per person in the future.
  - vii. 2 workshop applications were sent out and discovered and hence rejected.

## VIII. Grant Decisions

### a. Professional Grant Decisions

- i. Applications for the August Round
  - 1. Executive session
    - a. Budget 1= 10 votes
    - b. Budget 2= 15 votes
    - c. Budget 3= 12 votes
    - d. Abstain = 2 votes
  - 2. Final Consideration
    - a. Voting is online through the Qualtrics Survey. Votes will be shown at the end of the grant decisions.
    - b. Budget 2 for the August Round of Professional Development Grants is approved by majority vote.

### b. GSOGA Grant Decisions

- i. Applications for the August Round
  - 1. Executive Session
    - a. Budget 1= 15 votes
    - b. Budget 2= 24 votes
    - c. Abstain = 1 vote
  - 2. Final Consideration
    - a. Voting is online through the Qualtrics Survey. Votes will be shown at the end of the grant decisions.
    - b. Budget 1 for the August Round of GSOGAGrants is approved by majority vote.

### c. Symposium Grant Decisions

- i. No symposium grants for the August Round.

### d. Travel Grant Decisions

- i. Applications for the August Round
  - 1. Executive Session
    - a. Budget 1 = 22 votes
    - b. Budget 2 = 15 votes
    - c. Abstain = 3 votes

2. Final Consideration

- a. Voting is online through the Qualtrics Survey. Votes will be shown at the end of the grant decisions.
- b. Budget 2 for the August Round of Travel Grants is approved by majority vote.

**IX. New Business**

- a. Somosmita Mitra (Acting GRAC Chair):
  - i. The Vice Chair for each grant screens all applications for eligibility. If you believe an error was made, please email the respective Vice Chair bringing the matter to their attention rather than giving the application all zeros.
  - ii. We request that if you are leaving an application with a score  $\leq 2$  you leave feedback for the applicant.
  - iii. Please join the team group me chat
    - 1. [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/96571172/74faj6D4](https://groupme.com/join_group/96571172/74faj6D4)

**X. Announcements**

- a. Zoom link for all GRAC Team Nights over Fall 2023
  - i. To be determined
  - ii. October's agenda will contain a link.

**XI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion made to adjourn.
  - i. Motion seconded.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

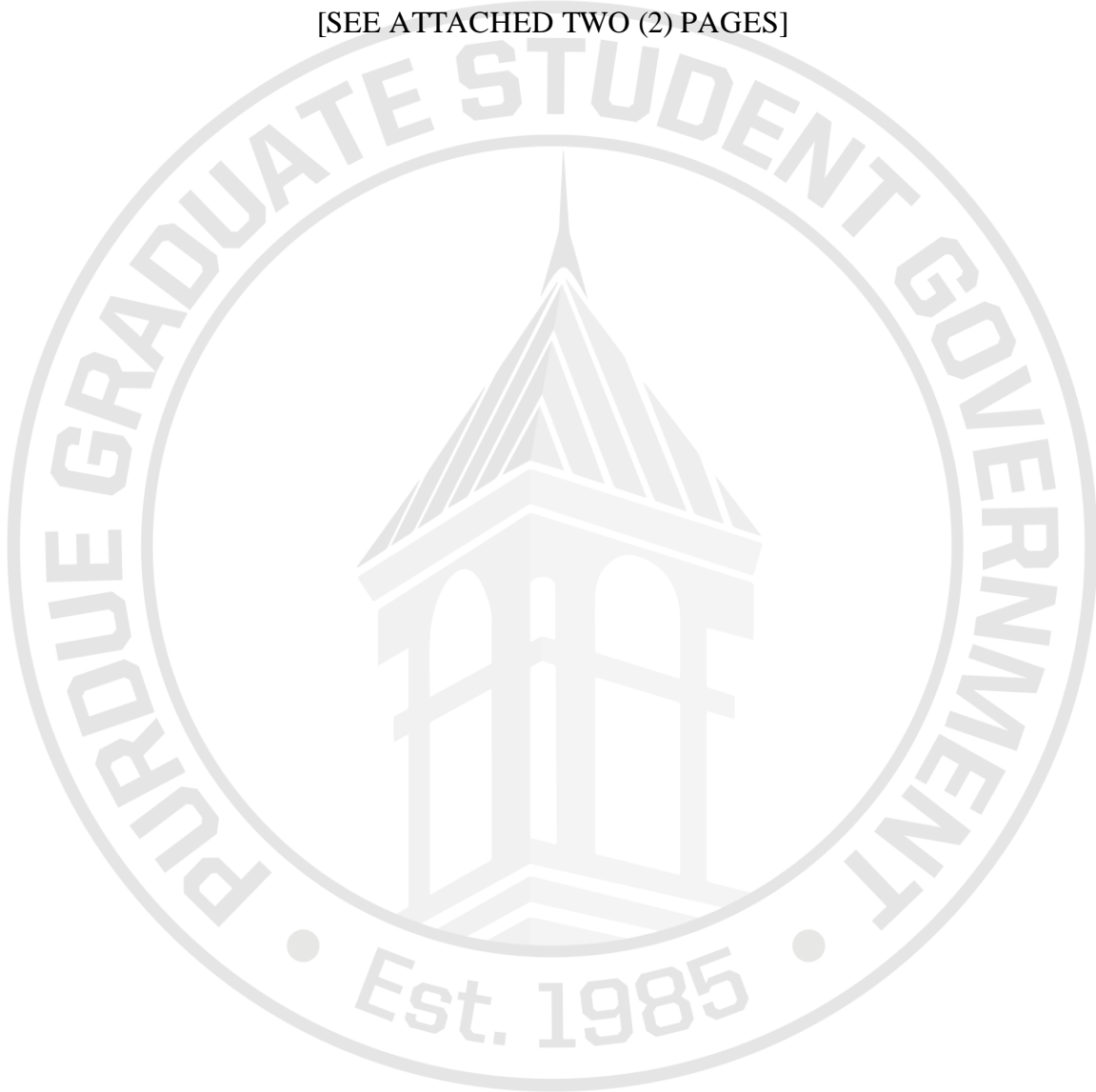
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## APPENDIX D

### COMMUNITY TEAM MINUTES

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**Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) Community Team**  
*September Team Night Minutes*

1st Meeting  
Wednesday, Sep 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:00 PM  
PHYS 203

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
  - a. Time: 6:32 PM
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Agenda approved
  - b. #Members present: 16; #Members absent: 12
- III. New Business**
  - a. **Introduction of community team by chair (10 min)**
  - b. **Election of Vice Chair**
    - i. Nominees: **Sindusha, Priyadarshan (not absent)**
    - ii. Speech (3-5 min/person) + 5-min Q&A
      - 1. 2nd-year PhD, Nutrition Science
      - 2. Why: nutrition community-based, in India, went to rural areas, served & organized community nutrition related activities; social chair for NSGSO, good at filing APF; lit club–helped organizing, make fliers
    - iii. Discussion among members (optional, nominees leave the room) & voting (skip)
    - iv. Read ballot slips out loud (Censored, skip)
  - c. **MHAW**
    - i. MHAW Director Nominees: **Erangi, Mercy (Absence)**
      - 1. **Erangi be the director**
    - ii. Time: Nov 13th-17th
    - iii. Budget: \$3,500+ for activities, \$5,000 for kickoff party
    - iv. Brainstorm for MHAW Kickoff Party:
      - 1. Trivia night
      - 2. Board games
      - 3. Dancing
      - 4. KTV
      - 5. Stand-up comedian
      - 6. Rap battle
      - 7. Blind-folded drawing
      - 8. Dress in costumes
    - v. Brainstorm for MHAW activities: Zumba, baking, painting, knitting, potluck, pets on campus, bowling, tie-dyeing, calligraphy
  - d. **Flier team for volunteer activities**
    - i. Member (any volunteers?): Sindu
  - e. **NGS/ROR**
    - i. Director: **Daphne**

- f. **Big Grad Events**
    - i. Whether to have a Big Grad Director or use the money for more events
    - ii. **2 nominees: Anirudh, Riya** (Is it possible to have 2 directors?)
  - g. **Others**
    - i. Daphne's suggestion to rent a column for anonymous Q&A for graduate students
      - 1. Saunok offered to take charge of the column
  - h. **Election of Recorder**
    - i. **Muna** nominated herself
    - ii. Muna was elected as the 2023-24 community team recorder.
- IV. Announcements**
- a. Daphne suggested moving ROR to October, changing the name to ROR.
  - b. Josue suggested that AAE GSO collaborated with community team
  - c. Riya suggested collaborate with AAARC for Mid-Autumn Moon Fest
- V. Adjournment**
- a. Motion to adjourn by Josue
    - i. Second by Mike
  - b. Adjourned at 7:38 pm
- VI. Reference**
- a. [Fall 2023 Callout Community Team](#)
  - b. [PGSG Community Volunteer Points](#)

**APPENDIX E**  
**OFFICER REPORTS**

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**President - Somosmita Mitra([pgsg.president@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.president@gmail.com))**

Dear Senators of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate,

As you close out the first month of your term, I trust you are settling into your roles and becoming more acquainted with the procedures and nuances of the PGSG. Below, I present a summary of my activities since our last Senate meeting, in addition to those not covered in my August report.

**Internal Affairs:**

1. Bi-Weekly Check-ins:
  - We (former PGSG Chief of Staff and I) have initiated bi-weekly sessions, including coffee discussions, with our Team Chairs and Vice Chairs. The main aim is to ensure we're aligned on budgets, spending, and the quality of events. Furthermore, we aim to provide ample support for teams across all their endeavors.
  - Our recent sessions were held at PGSC on 08.25.2023 and 09.08.2023, spanning from 9 am to 1:30 pm.
2. Appointment Update:
  - A recent appointment was made to the position of Interim PRO.
3. PGSC check-ins:
  - Beginning weekly finance and administration check-ins with Treasurer, Advisor and Senior Administrative Assistant.
4. Met with PGSS Senators to discuss potential legislative collaborations.
5. Attended Senator Workshop and August Senate Meeting.
6. Attended September Team Night:
  - Chaired Grant Review and Allocation Committee
  - Discussed authored legislation at the Legislative Review Committee.
7. Received and acknowledged resignation letters from:
  - PGSG Chief of Staff- effective 09.14.2023
  - PGSG Treasurer - effective 01.01.2024
8. Will put planning of Town Hall on hold until a month after special elections for all immediate vacant E-Board positions are held.
9. Discussed with every team and committee Chair on backup contingencies in the absence of a Chief of Staff.
10. Conducted the September E-Board meeting:
  - Annual Report:
    - No update was provided regarding the Annual Report.
    - The deadline was moved from August 23rd to the October senate meeting on the 18th.
    - Former President and current Legislative Affairs Officer/Director agreed to deliver the report by the new deadline of October 15th.
  - RedZone Tailgate:
    - The Life Team will collaborate for football ticket pickups during tailgate.

- The plan includes buying 30-35 tickets for \$1000 and producing swag with FRIES logo fridge magnets.
  - PGSG After Hours Shuttle Service:
    - Discussions centered around the demand and feasibility of an on-demand shuttle service, funding of \$40,000 from the graduate school, unreliability of current bus services, and potential changes to bus times.
    - Surveyed graduate students.
  - Multiple roles (Public Relations Officer, Chief of Staff, Treasurer) were vacated or are upcoming vacancies. Discussions revolved around nominations, elections, and training processes.
    - The President nominated the Senate Chair for the role of special elections coordinator.
  - Grad Student Housing and Wellness:
    - The board discussed potential solutions to student housing and wellness problems, with particular attention to increasing stipends and monthly meetings on student well-being.
    - There were discussions on graduate student-specific housing and mental health initiatives.
  - PGSG Room Reservations:
    - The motion was passed to close off PGSC room 108 for outside PGSG reservations.
  - PGSG Travel Grant:
    - The graduate school provided an additional \$30k for Tier 3 contributions, bringing the total to \$45k. There's a proposal to increase Tier 3 grants from \$250 to \$300.
  - E-Board Approval of Senate Clerk:
    - Secret Permenter was voted in as Senate Clerk, and discussions revolved around their roles and expectations.
  - Updates were provided by the Senior Administrative Assistant on PGSC activities, the Senate Chair on senate affairs, interim Public Relations Officer on PR activities, and team chairs on their respective teams' activities and plans.
  - Various board updates from Diversity, Legislative Affairs, and others were presented, including discussions on upcoming events, elections, initiatives, and collaborations.
  - This is a brief summary of the key discussions and decisions made during the meeting. If more detailed information is needed on any specific topic, please let me know.
11. To create a team of Mental Health First Aiders trained through ODOS:
- October 25, 9 hour workshop, PGSC 105.
  - Conducted by Associate Dean of Students Dr. Zenephia Evans.
  - Treasurer approved \$500 in funding.
  - 15 PGSG members cost to be covered.
  - The Office of the Provost is strongly supportive of this initiative.
12. Co-authored legislation on:
- Graduate Student Shuttle Voucher Program.
  - Small Research Grant.
  - Adding Juneteenth on the University Calendar.



13. Working on legislation towards:
  - Establishing a Student Concerns Committee in PGSG and including graduate student specific housing on the Purdue Master Plan.
  - Storage units for graduate students during moving season.
  - Adding MHAW on the University Calendar.
14. Met with Director of CAPS with the Community Team Chair and Mental Health Action Week Director:
  - The Community Team postponed MHAW to mid November.
  - The Community Team might not be ready to take on the kick-off party due to other prior obligations:
    - Working with GSOs to collaborate on events.
    - Announcement happening at the end of the Senate Meeting.
      - PGSG to fund \$5k towards a kick off event for MHAW.
      - CAPS will share resources.
      - Opportunity for collaboration for ideas, finance, advertisement or outreach.
    - Career Team Chair volunteered to assist and take over the Kick-off party as needed.
15. Forwarded all emails pertaining to NAGPS and FAARM to the Legislative Affairs Officer and Treasurer.
  - Awaiting response.
16. Working with Life Team Chair to set up graduate student housing on the Purdue master plan:
  - Discussing plans to incorporate graduate student floors in current residences available at Purdue.
  - There can be various reasons that hinder this being successful, but as President, the lack of on-campus housing is an immediate need and we are figuring out the best way to solve this.
  - Your ideas are welcome.

#### **External Developments:**

1. Meeting with SAO and BOSO:
  - Our main topic of discussion revolved around the current status of the Accessibility and Transitional Housing Grant. Please note, this is currently being reviewed by Legal and the Division of Financial Aid.
  - We are also evaluating a budget modification proposal to accommodate the GRAC Chair's request for additional funds.
  - The Treasurer is working on getting the modified budget endorsed/approved by SAO and BOSO, for senate approval.

- Discovered a PGSG endowment with approval from the Treasurer to spend \$5k for the MHAW kickoff party with collaboration from CAPS.
  - Received approval to use \$7k from the Presidential Endowment fund for a sequence of lecture series.
2. Meeting of the Action Council on Student Housing and Well Being:
- The Action Council on Student Housing has greenlit 1,900 new beds due to Purdue's 30% growth over a decade, including a \$400 million residence hall. There are also adjustments for post-Covid housing.
  - Financially, there's a push to increase the graduate student stipend and ensure healthcare premiums remain unchanged for graduate students.
  - Efforts are underway to match stipends with peer institutions like Illinois and Michigan State.
  - For mental health, resources in CAPS are being expanded, with a focus on reducing wait times and introducing proactive measures.
  - The graduate school is optimizing its processes, and new initiatives provide more student opportunities. Collaborations are also being explored for competitive stipend rates.
3. Setting up of monthly meetings with the Senior Director of CAPS and PUSH:
- We were informed that monthly meetings happened until a year ago to keep everyone apprised of graduate student wellness.
  - As Senators, my request to you would be to let me know if you hear from your constituents about graduate student wellness issues.
  - You are also encouraged to let me know should you want to join in on these meetings.
  - Both directors are interested in presenting to the PGSS.
4. Meeting with the Provost and the Provost's Chief of Staff:
- To come up with potential funding sources for the PGSG Transitional Housing Grant that are not derived from Student Fees.
  - Potential contribution of \$7.5k to the overall PGSG funds.
    - Forwarded email with details to the entire E-Board.
  - To work on including Student Well Being Day and Mental Health Action Week on Purdue's official calendar.
    - Collaborating with the PSG President for new legislation.
5. Meeting with Vice Provost of Student Life:
- Apprised on the current situation with PGSG and vacant positions.
  - Discussed our immediate programs and policies being implemented to make sure we are more proactive in tackling problems related to student wellness.
  - Discussion on starting a pilot graduate student specific floors in university residences.
6. Meeting with the Dean of Students:
- Apprised on the current situation with PGSG and vacant E-Board positions.
  - Discussed code of conduct violations and their applicability in situations.
  - Looked into best ways to collaborate on prioritizing student well being.
7. Meeting with the student representative on the Purdue Board of Trustees:
- Setting up a monthly meeting to discuss best ways to support PGSG.
  - Expressed interest in meeting PGSS Senators to speak.
8. University Senate meeting

- Shared the newsletter with PGSS.
- 9. Meeting with Associate Provost for Graduate Programs:
  - Resulted in an email being sent out to all Graduate Chairs and Contacts about vacancies on the PGSS.
  - Was able to facilitate the appointment of more senators to the PGSS.
  - Writefull purchase in progress.
  - Graduate school funding the after hours program.
- 10. Meeting with Procurement Services for the After Hours Bus Shuttle Service:
  - Ran a survey with interim-PRO to gather feedback on transportation.
    - On demand shuttle service for graduate students will begin soon, with number limitations.
- 11. Meeting with PSG President and Vice President:
  - Discussed joint legislations and status of prior legislations.
  - Discussed collaborations on the Immigration attorney sessions.
  - Discussed collaborations during Mental Health Action Week.
- 12. Met for the President's Advisory Council:
  - No notes or reports can be made.
- 13. Surveyed the Graduate Student Population on:
  - Transportation Needs.
- 14. Graduate School confirmed an increase in funding of Tier 3 PGSG Travel grants from initial \$15k to \$45k.
- 15. Meeting with the Chief of Staff of the Provost of Purdue University:
  - Resulted in monthly meetings to be set up for the hearing of graduate student needs.
- 16. Meeting with the President of the Graduate Student Organisation in IUPUI:
  - To discuss the best processes to handle transition.
  - Plan to host town halls in IUPUI.
  - Working with Graduate School to alleviate graduate student concern in the transition.

I look forward to our continued collaboration as we strive for excellence in our respective roles. Your commitment and dedication to the Senate and the larger PGSG community are sincerely appreciated. To that end, please keep interacting with your constituents and bringing to us any issues you might encounter. Additionally, feel free to ask me questions during my verbal report highlighting certain instances from here.

**Chief of Staff - Ailin Fei ([pgsg.cos@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.cos@gmail.com))**

- September Team Night
  - 119 attendees
- Team/Committee assignments finalized

**Treasurer - Swati Shikha ([pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com))**

- Continued supporting the PGSG teams with their funding needs and queries.
- Continued having periodic meetings/check-ins with BOSO and SAO.

- Working towards having a budget approved and endorsed by the above.
- The 2 new GRAC grants (Transitional Housing, and Accessibility) are still being reviewed by Legal and the Division of Financial Aid.
- Discussed and reviewed guidelines on what and how much to spend from the 2 PGSG endowment accounts.
- Calling applications and holding interviews for Treasurer 2 (Vice Treasurer) position.

**Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson ([pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com))**

- Onboarded approximately 5 additional senators to PGSS
- Participated in discussions with Parliamentarian and authors/sponsors of a potential joint resolution to determine the best path forward for presentation before both senates
- Set weekly meetings with Parliamentarian for both of us to go over contemporaneous issues and progress in the LRC and Senate to provide seamless consideration of business in both entities
- Onboarded Senate Clerk **PLEASE CC [pgsg.senateclerk@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.senateclerk@gmail.com) FOR ALL SENATE ATTENDANCE ISSUES**
- Compiled follow-up slides for senator's workshop
- Finalized first draft of senate procedures
  - Will be updated from time-to-time and some minor details are changing, but the document will be updated live on [purduegradstudent.com](http://purduegradstudent.com)
- Received 6 pieces of legislation; all forwarded to LRC. 3 presumably to be discussed, and remaining 3 still have consideration.
- Attended e-board meeting for discussion and consideration of current and upcoming business
- Began collecting minutes from all teams (GRAC and Community have reported)
  - Expect approximately 2-4 week lag, as in theory, the minutes should be finalized from the team side before reporting.
  - Will likely set up a short instructional meeting with Parliamentarian to go over "proper" minute taking and preparation for minutes that will be published.
- Reserved 2 rooms for senate meetings, one will be chosen to hold senate meetings for remainder of the semester
- Currently awaiting annual report and budget revisions for presentation before the senate. Expected deliverance of annual report is circa October 15; budget amendments do not have an expected date of deliverance.
- Responded to multiple emails regarding senate vacancies from Assoc. Provost for Grad Education
- Appointed as Special Elections Coordinator, so handling those emails as well.

**Public Relations -TBD([pgsg.pro@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.pro@gmail.com))**

**Parliamentarian - ([pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com))**

**Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang ([pgsg.diversity@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.diversity@gmail.com))**

- Table at Rainbow Callout on 9/5

- Attended Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting on 9/18
- Interview candidates for Vice Diversity Officer
- Reached out to Queer GSA, AAAGraSA, Black Graduate Student Associations, Latinx Graduate Student Organization about senator position
- Draft legislation on Juneteenth. Met with authors and LRC to revise the legislation.
- Draft legislation on creating Diversity Team. Met with LRC to revise the legislation.
- Design the swags and order swags for RedZone. Collaborated with Life Team Chair on football ticket give out.
  - RedZone is a tailgating event held by Center for Advocacy, Resource, and Education. “The Red Zone” is the time period beginning each fall when students start to arrive on campus and lasts until Thanksgiving break. About 50% of sexual assaults occur on college campuses during this time.
- Provided suggestion on improving PGSG-City Bus transportation Demand Survey

#### **Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto ([pgsg.lad@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.lad@gmail.com))**

- Met with NAGPS board re legislative advocacy initiatives
- Researched legislation concerning graduate students
  - Currently a few bipartisan initiatives in committee
- Started planning for fall legislative advocacy efforts
  - If any of you all are interested in participating in legislative advocacy, please contact me
- Worked with legislative affairs officers of other universities
- Attended executive board meetings
- Assisted with September PGSG Team Night

#### **Career Chair - Akshita Ramya Kamsali ([pgsg.career@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.career@gmail.com))**

- Hosted Accountability Club on the 11th Sept 2023
- Upcoming Accountability Club on the 25th Sept 2023
- Elected the vice chair - Brooks Butler on the 13th September Team Night. Minutes sent to senate chair
- Elected Recorder - Sowmya Seeram on the 13th September Team Night. Minutes sent to senate chair
- Hosted ISS session on CPT specifically for Graduate Students on 14th September
- Chair and Vice Chair keen on collaboration with Community team for MHAW kickoff party
- Vice chair working on Survey to gauge graduate student needs and availability to host future accountability club and other workshops
- Team working on setting up and organizing a citation management workshop with Libraries.

#### **Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang([pgsg.community@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.community@gmail.com))**

- Attended University Library Committee on 8/23
- Organized literature clubs every Saturday, bought hard copies for books of August and September



- Contacted Han Culture Association and Hong Kong Student Organization for collaboration of Mid-Autumn Moon Festival
- Advertised for volunteer opportunities
- Elected Vice Chair and Recorder for community team, appointed MHAW Director and ROR Director during Sep team night
- Met CAPS director with president and MHAW director to discuss MHAW kickoff party

**Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman ([pgsg.life@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.life@gmail.com))**

- University Resources Policy Committee first meeting on 8/28
- Worked on collaboration with Diversity officer to give out Purdue football tickets at the RedZone tailgate on Sept. 30th
- Prep work for Coffee Corner and Movie Night events this semester
- Prep work for Fall picnic
  - October 6th @ Memorial Mall on campus
  - Fun, food, and outdoor activities for graduate students and their families!
- Working with PGSG President to get graduate student specific housing incorporated on the Purdue Master Plan to ensure the university makes an actual effort to address the housing concerns of graduate students

**Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes ([pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com](mailto:pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com))**

- Attended BOSO/SAO meeting 8/25
- Implemented new policy to have grant awardee's names and departments published on the PGSG website
- Re-worked Budget for 23-24
- Over the summer, met with vice chairs to ensure proper implementation of each grant
- Assisted with PGSG call out
- Tabled NSO
- Senate training Aug 26th
- Communications with Graduate school led to a 30K increase in allocations to 45K for tier three travel grants, further increasing the award amount from 250 to 300 allowing for 150 students to receive travel awards this year.
- Attended BOSO/SAO meeting 9/13 working to finalized budget to bring to the senate
- Met with Vice Chairs to discuss budget proposals for August round (meeting date 9/12)
- Mental Health Partnership- \$0.00 spent/ \$1,500.00- 0% spent.
- Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
- Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500- 50% spent.
  - Three Graduate Student Equipment fund applications received
    - 1 ineligible due to it being a request for personal office equipment
    - Materials Science and Engineering Graduate Student Association (MSEGSAs)
      - Voting:

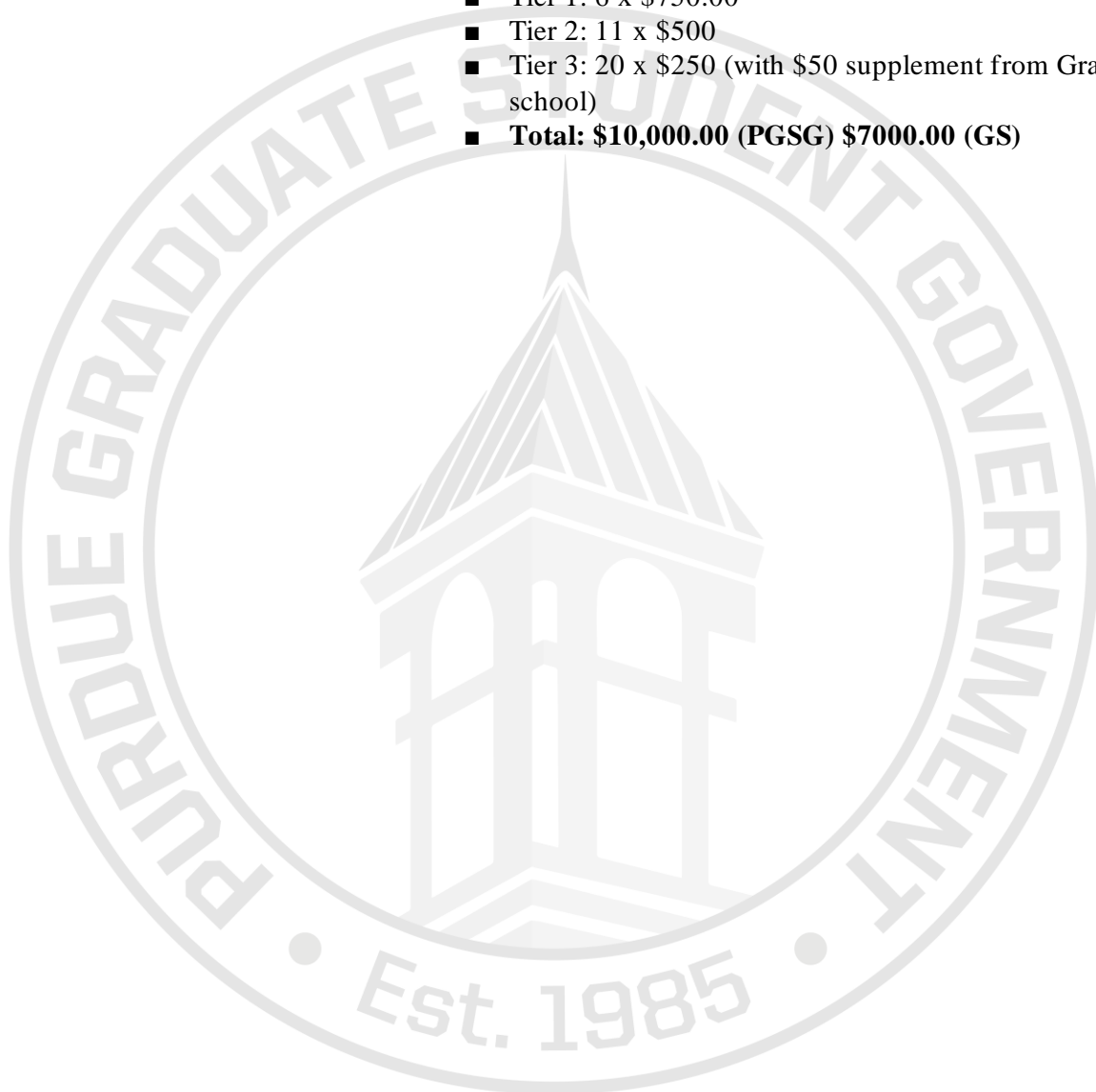
- approved with revisions =3
    - approved as is = 1
  - Reccomended revisions were to include links to items purchased & revise the request for a \$400 coat rack
  - Revision completed by MSEGA
  - Funding received: \$453.82
  - Zucrow Student Association (ZSA)
    - Voting: approved as is=4
    - Funding received: \$800.00
  - **Funded: \$1,253.82**
- Professional-13% spent \$3,998.82/ \$30,570.00
- GSOGA- 18% spent \$7,360.00/ \$40,000.00
- Symposium -0% spent /\$11,500
- Travel- 16% spent \$10,000/ \$63,630.00
  - (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$7,000.00/\$45,000.00 15.56% spent)
- Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023. Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00
- Note: I was absent from Teams night due to a Family Emergency
  - Monthly Voting Outcomes: August Round:
    - Professional Grant
      - 8 applications received, 1 ineligible
        - 7 applications reviewed, 8 applications funded
          - 1 \$750.00
          - .92 \$690.00
          - .88 \$660.00
          - .80 \$400.00
          - .80 \$486.32
          - .75 \$562.50
          - .60 \$450.00
          - **TOTAL \$3998.82**
    - GSOGA Gant:
      - 7 applications
        - 7 applications reviewed, 7 applications funded
          - 1 \$1450.00
          - 1 \$1500.00
          - 1 \$1500.00
          - .90 \$1015.00
          - .85 \$1445.00
          - .15 \$225.00
          - .15 \$225.00



■ **TOTAL: \$7360.00**

■ Travel Grant

- 68 applications received, 53 eligible
  - 68 applications reviewed, 37 funded
    - Tier 1: 6 x \$750.00
    - Tier 2: 11 x \$500
    - Tier 3: 20 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
    - **Total: \$10,000.00 (PGSG) \$7000.00 (GS)**



## APPENDIX F

### UNIVERSITY SENATE REPORT

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