



## Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)

### Tenth Meeting

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024; 6:00 PM - **End Time: 8:20 PM**

*Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship, Room 121*

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Beth McCuskey**, Vice Provost for Student Life (6:00 - 6:20 PM)

- I. Sharing a little bit about Student life and the areas we encompass
- II. Overview
  - A. Multi-faceted.
  - B. Katie Sermersheim – hosts functions that are designed to help students acclimate to school, stay in school, and work with students with different things that come up in their personal lives
    1. Family stuff,
    2. Medical absences,
    3. We have a student attorney
      - a) Typically, she won't sue the university but she will help with landlord-tenant abuse, looking over leases, etc.
    4. Off campus student housing office that keeps tabs with local people about places to rent.
    5. Student conduct office is also under Katie
      - a) Work with students on behavior, academic dishonesty, and student organization behavior.
        - (1) So if PGSSG went rogue and something bad happened, they would investigate.
    6. Oversees areas related to well-being
    7. Oversees CAPS, PUSH, and Rec-Well
  - C. Barb Frazee
    1. Oversees housing and dining
    2. One of the biggest housing systems in the country
    3. Working to correct the housing issues in the next few years.
    4. Hoping the market itself will settle down over the next few years
    5. Learning communities
    6. Grad students do work as Resident Assistants (RAs).
  - D. Todd Wetzel
    1. Oversees Convos, Student Activities and Organizations (SAO), etc.
      - a) Brings in Broadway productions, jazz ensembles, etc.
      - b) Could try to connect with him to bring arts to your courses
    2. Student leadership program
  - E. Bill Griffel and Jay Gephart
    1. Arts and entertainment
    2. We do not have a music school or conservatory.
    3. We do have a music degree in the College of Liberal Arts
    4. We do have a lot of talented musical opportunities at Purdue.
  - F. Focused on Well-being
    1. Hope you have seen some of that effort.
    2. We just got the results from the Well-being survey that we did with CAPS
    3. Steps-to-leaps initiative – a process where we want people to learn different habits to keep you well in life
      - a) Well-being as an umbrella
      - b) Leadership – We want you to take responsibility for your own personal development
        - (1) Lifelong process

- c) Impact – how to make a big impact and recognizing that having an impact is a long-term commitment
  - (1) Also thinking about small impacts you make
- d) Networks
  - (1) Not like engaging with people at cocktail parties
  - (2) Talking about social networks and social psychology
  - (3) A lot of science that the more networked you are, the stronger and more resilient you are
  - (4) Also think about giving back to your network. You don't just take from your network, you are a part of your network
- e) Grit/persistence
  - (1) Not the “suck it up and do it” type grit, but failure and what we learn from failure
    - (a) It is human to fail. How we respond is the key.
  - (2) Nuance between working so hard on something and knowing when to stop and being tenacious and seeing something through
    - (a) It is okay to stop something
- 4. Leadership and Engagement
  - a) How do you make the most of what is in front of you and how do you commit to what you're learning
- 5. Arts, culture, and entertainment
  - a) Finding ways to embed the arts and such
- 6. Lifelong boilermakers
  - a) Committed to your Purdue experience being a community
  - b) Such a rich tradition of alumni and huge do-ers.
  - c) We want this for all of you, throughout your lives.
- 7. Group that works with Parent and family members
  - a) Most of this work is with first-year freshmen

### III. Period of Questions

- A. Noticed that for Dean Katie there was a Purdue in Indianapolis was part of this – is this a separate thing?
  - 1. Purdue in Indy is essentially West Lafayette in Indy
    - a) It should feel seamless. Students who want to study in Indy can do that. Students can go back and forth. Students can participate in different things at both locations.
    - b) Game plan is to have transportation between West Lafayette and Indy
    - c) The student life component is under our area. We have an associate dean of students in Indy that is trying to build what we have here down there and make it seamless between both areas
    - d) Going to set it up for the launch this summer
    - e) Will be a work-in-progress
    - f) Hour isn't a lot for a commute. If it is on a bus with wi-fi, it could make the time dedicated to do things
    - g) Transportation is key
- B. Can you talk about the process for engagement with the Attorney
  - 1. Located in the old Recitations Hall
  - 2. Her name is \_\_\_\_ You can email her here - \_\_\_\_ or walk in
  - 3. She does a lot of different consults. Nothing against Purdue. Leases are big in her work. Tickets for alcohol, etc. Can give advice for other things as well.
- C. Housing – Heard optimism about housing. Can you talk about specific projects your office is doing with housing, how we can collaborate, etc.

1. Somo worked with Barb to carve out some space. Part of the challenge is that the inventory that we have is not what grad students want
  2. Big pressure on the market is too many people not enough beds.
  3. Enrollment is not increasing, but staying the same.
  4. Adding 1900 beds, ½ in 2025 and ½ in 2026
  5. Over 1,000 beds in the community coming this fall
  6. Huge development coming on Mitch Daniels and River Road (Building around Nine-Irish)
  7. Price Points won't be able to be jacked up once things balance out
  8. In the meantime, I am more than happy to continue conversations if you all have ideas.
- D. Affordable housing – We have seminars for incoming graduate students. Feels like we have to compile information ourselves for incoming students
1. Can we direct incoming students to y'all to figure out housing
  2. So many leases are signed before students are admitted
  3. Scary to bring students in without good connections
  4. **Answer** – Best connection is Darnell who is our housing person
    - a) We refer students to different places
    - b) We monitor the market itself
    - c) I think as new students come in, you should connect them with him.
    - d) A lot of listings get snatched up immediately.
    - e) symptom of the market being out of whack. Once it stabilizes, this should get better too.

## AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:25 pm
- II. **Roll Call\***
  - a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
    - i. No newly elected senators or alternates
  - b. Executive Board
    - i. Present
      1. Parliamentarian
      2. Diversity Chair
      3. Senate Chair
      4. Grant Review and Allocation Committee Chair
      5. Community Team Chair
      6. Treasurer
      7. Legislative Affairs Officer
    - ii. Not Present
      1. Career Team Chair (Vacant)
      2. Life Team Chair
      3. President
      4. Chief of Staff
      5. Public Relations Officer
  - c. 40 of 60 Senators present. Quorum is met.
  - d. The Senator Attendance List will be appended to these minutes (Appendix A).
- III. **Approval of Minutes** (*General Consent*)
  - a. Reading waived by general consent.
  - b. Minutes approved by general consent.

#### IV. Approval of the Agenda

- a. No amendments to the agenda
- b. Agenda approved by general consent.

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

##### a. Committee and Team Reports

- i. Life Team Minutes - January 2024

1. Life Team Minutes will be appended to these minutes (Appendix B)

##### b. Other Reports

- i. No other reports.

##### c. Reports of University Committees and Boards

- i. No reports of University Committees and Boards

##### d. Officer Reports

- i. No Officer Reports

- e. No amendments to the consent agenda.

- f. Consent Agenda approved by general consent

#### VI. Old Business

##### a. Consideration of Previously Introduced Legislation

- i. SP24-B002 - *“To Correct exec “board” to exec “officers” in the PGSG Constitution”*

1. Period of General discussion

- a. Senator from Chemistry – Reiterating things that have already been said.

- i. I do not understand why we would want to combine the powers of the executive and the legislative.

- ii. If the senator has legislative power, I do not understand why we should allow them to have executive power. I think this is wrong.

- b. Parliamentarian – As I go through and work on the governing documents, there is no separation of power.

- i. Currently teams are intended to be executive. So the chairs of teams are part of the executive board.

- ii. Why committees have the same privileges, I am not sure

- iii. At the end of the day, this legislation is to bring into alignment our practices.

- iv. Especially in comparing the number of senators to the number of chairs.

- v. This just brings the word of the governing documents into alignment

- c. Senator from Animal Sciences – The fact that something has been done in the past does not mean it needs to be done still.

- i. I believe that if a senator takes up an executive board position, they need to give up their senator position

- ii. The powers should be separated.

- iii. If we have 5 of them, I don't see how this should work.

- iv. Because it hasn't been flagged in the past does not mean it should continue

- d. Senate Clerk/Senator from History

- i. As Senate Clerk, I see how big and small our senators' departments are. In my case, I have a department of around 37, where around 17-20-ish are active on campus.
  - ii. In many small departments like mine, there is only one person willing to serve as Senator.
    1. We have a senator who is the only member of their department
    2. By saying that there cannot be overlap, you are telling the senators of smaller departments that we have to forfeit our department's voice in the Senate in order to pursue higher positions within PGSG, or never allow ourselves to move up in order to retain our senator positions.
  - iii. Senators make up much of the teams and committees, so not allowing this overlap means that a big majority of those who are involved in teams and know how they run are not allowed to run for positions of power in their teams, without giving up their spot as a Senator.
  - e. Senator from AAE – If we have executive board members and executive officers as part of the senate, they can sway the vote.
    - i. If executive board members or executive officers are not behaving in good ways, then they have voting power in the senate, the body that would reprimand their bad behavior.
      1. We should consider a separation of power
  - f. Senator from Chemical Engineering – I think that, while it is good to have ideals about separation of powers, in practice PGSG does not necessarily have the pull to get people to fill these positions without allowing these dual appointments.
    1. It is a valid concern, but would require a constitutional overhaul. I think these proposed fixes make sense.
    2. With that, I motion to end discussion and vote on legislation
    3. Seconded by the Senator from Biological Sciences
    4. Ayes have it, discussion closed.
2. Period of voting
    - a. Ayes: 27
    - b. Nays: 7
    - c. Abstentions: 0
    - d. Legislation passes.**
- ii. **SP24-B003 - “To Amend the Constitution Concerning the Establishment of Senate Meeting Dates”**
    1. Has previously been read in.
    2. Period of discussion with Questions seeking factual clarification
      - a. Seeing as nobody has placed their name into the speaking order, we will now move to a period of open discussion.
    3. Period of Open Discussion

- a. Seeing as nobody has placed their name into the speaking order, we will now move to a period of voting.

4. Period of Voting

- a. Ayes: 33
- b. Nays: 0
- c. Abstentions: 0

**d. Legislation Passes**

**VII. New Business\*\***

**a. Introduction of Emergency Legislation**

**i. SP24-R002 - “Resolution opposing Indiana Senate Bill 202”**

1. Motion to introduce by the Senator from MSE
  - a. Reading of the legislation by the Senate Chair
  - b. Seconded by the Senator from Mathematics
2. Senator from MSE
  - a. The core idea of this legislation is that the Indiana State Senate is trying to tell Faculty and university employees that it is the government’s opinion of what we teach that matters, as opposed to the opinions of those who are doing the teaching
  - b. SB 202 creates tools for highly political individuals to interpret it this based on their political beliefs
  - c. We do not need to accept the culture of politics
  - d. We have a chance to push against this bill and bring Purdue graduate students into the conversation of what is happening in the state they live and go to school in.
  - e. If Indiana wants quality education, they need to allow diversity in education
3. Parliamentarian – Resolutions are tough to make unconstitutional
  - a. The challenges in this resolution comes mostly from the campaign recommended, but that is up to the president to delegate
  - b. PGSG has the bandwidth to do such a thing
  - c. We can do this if we want to.
  - d. “Constitutional, have fun.”
4. A  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote is required to consider this as emergency legislation
  - a. Motion carries, SP24-R002 will be considered as emergency legislation.

**b. Confirmation of Appointments made by Executive Board Members**

- i. Senate Chair – These individuals become part of the executive board, without voting privileges. They have powers delegated to them by the appointed individuals.
  1. No required process that these officers have to go through, so their appointments go to the Senate for confirmation.
  2. How this process will go:
    - a. First, the appointing officer will have 3 minutes to make a presentation about their candidate and why they chose them.
    - b. Then the person being appointed will have 3 minutes to make a presentation as to why they feel they should be appointed into their given position.
    - c. Next, a period of discussion will take place for Senators and Executive board members to ask questions.

d. After this discussion, we will then enter a period of voting

**ii. Confirmation of Vice Diversity Officer - *Mohammed Metwaly***

1. Diversity Officer – In the beginning of this semester, we opened this position up to anyone who wanted to apply and posted the opening on social media
  - a. I received 4 applications for the position and conducted interviews with the four prospects.
  - b. Afterwards, I discussed with the Executive Board and Metwaly was the perfect candidate for the job.
  - c. I feel like he is a good candidate.
2. Mohammad Metwaly – Thank you for having me.
3. Period of Questions
  - a. Senator from Animal Science – How long has he been on the committee?
    - i. Diversity Officer – since the beginning of September
4. Period of Voting via voice vote
  - a. Ayes have it.
  - b. Appointment of Mohammad Metwaly as the Vice Diversity Officer is confirmed.

**iii. Confirmation of Treasurer 2 - *Dharun Anand***

1. Treasurer – I have worked with Dharun already.
  - a. He is a good collaborator and a good communicator. He makes the treasurer position better. This is the big reason I want to nominate him and keep working with him.
2. Dharun Anand – I will be responsible in this position.
3. Period of Questions
  - a. Senator from Animal Science – In the last team night event, the President had introduced him as a treasurer and I think they said he was working with the treasurer last semester. What exactly did you do?
    - i. Dharun – She did training for me. I helped process reimbursements, but that is as far as my responsibilities were
      1. I did this from November to December
  - b. Senator from BPP – Who are you taking instruction from/Reporting to?
    - i. Dharun – Reporting directly to the Treasurer
  - c. Senator from ASEC – What recommendations to make processes better did you make?
    - i. Dharun – creating forms for people to fill out to facilitate and organize what types of reimbursements are being requested.
  - d. Senator from Engineering Management – You said you were trained by the officer who left last semester, why did you not take the Treasurer period?
    - i. Dharun – I was considering a fellowship
  - e. Period of Voting
    - i. Ayes have it.
    - ii. Appointment of Dharun Anand as Treasurer 2 is confirmed

**iv. Confirmation of Vice Public Relations Officer 1 - *Shalom Ablavi Kpetsu***

1. The PRO is unable to make it due to medical concerns, but has sent a speech.
  - a. Shalom has been handling the newsletter, which she will continue to work on as well as the GRAC newsletter.

- b. She works on event publicity too
    - 2. Shalom – Thank you all for having me from September of last year until now
    - 3. Period of questions
      - a. Senator Animal Science – it is unfortunate that the PRO is not here
        - i. I wonder why PRO voted on an appointment while she is not here?
          - 1. Senate Chair – Since the PRO is not here, you can motion to table these appointments until she is present.
        - ii. Motion to table this appointment.
          - 1. Seconded by the Senator from ASEC
        - iii. A 50% majority vote is required to table.
          - 1. Motion does not carry
      - b. Senator - I would like to appeal to the team leaders to look out of your circle. Seems like these appointments all came from the members of these teams.
        - i. Senate Chair – There is no mandated way to be appointed into these positions. It is all at the hands of individual executive officers to decide how to go about this.
      - c. Period of Voting
        - i. Ayes have it.
        - ii. Appointment of *Shalom Ablavi Kpetsu* as the Vice Public Relations Officer 1 is confirmed
  - v. **Confirmation of Vice Public Relations Officer 2 - *Apekshya Chhetri***
    - 1. Tabled until the next meeting as both the PRO and the appointee are not present to answer questions.
- c. **Consideration of Emergency Legislation**
  - i. **SP24-R002 - “Resolution opposing Indiana Senate Bill 202”**
    - 1. Period of Questions seeking Factual Clarification
      - a. Senator from Political Science – To the authors – What is the intent or outcome we are seeking here?
        - i. Senator from MSE – when this bill was brought up to the state Senate, there was no discussion.
          - 1. When it went to the house, there was a plethora of faculty, students, etc. opposing the legislation.
          - 2. This is just to include our voice into the discussion.
      - b. Senator from Civil Engineering – can you share ideas for the campaigning portion of the legislation?
        - i. Legislative Affairs Officer – There are a number of things we can do and suggestions are always welcome
          - 1. We could let students know that this is happening and to contact their representatives.
            - a. We have students from all over the state who can write to their local representatives
          - 2. We can directly interface with legislators, etc.
        - ii. Senator from MSE – In summary: telling students who to write to, polling students, etc.



- iii. Follow up Question – Could that be combined to the letter of support from PGSG?
  - 1. Senator from MSE – yes
- 2. Period of Open Discussion
  - a. Diversity Officer
    - i. Scared by the 300 pages document at first glance
    - ii. Highlight things that scare me most
      - 1. It implies a requirement that some seats are appointed by the state government, not by the university or departments.
      - 2. Instead of talking about Diversity and Inclusion, it specifies only certain aspects. This description excludes gender identities and other identities.
      - 3. At the University Senate discussion, faculty got the chance to voice their concerns. This will help us get our voices expressed too
  - iii. Senator from Mathematics – Thanks for authoring this legislation
    - 1. University Senate condemn SB 202
    - 2. Their legislation said that they need to reach out to the graduate student government to speak on this.
    - 3. The American Association for University Professors released a statement today that oppose this
      - a. Includes a lot of the large universities in the state who condemn SB 202
    - 4. No university Faculty who are impacted, and their graduate students, support SB 202 and they were not in the discussions to create this bill. Which means their voices are not being heard.
    - 5. We need to get this passed ASAP
  - iv. Legislative Affairs Officer – as the Legislative Affairs Officer, it is my duty to advocate on behalf of Grad students.
    - 1. Having this pass our senate here gives a piece of evidence that our representatives are in agreement to condemn SB 202
  - v. Speaking list exhausted, moving to a period of voting
  - vi. Parliamentarian – Motion to consider the legislation by unanimous consent
    - 1. Seconded by the Senator from CS
    - 2. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
  - vii. Period of Voting via unanimous consent
    - 1. Unanimous consent carries. This legislation passes unanimously

## VIII. Announcements

- a. PGSG grant application process feedback. Please share with your constituents:
  - <https://forms.gle/BBarATmYcmfUDR1N8>
  - i. CE and ABE senators are requesting feedback regarding the PGSG grant application process. We are sharing the link with all senators so they can send it to poll their

constituents and increase awareness of the grants:

<https://forms.gle/BBarATmYcmfUDR1N8>.

- ii. Senator from Civil Engineering – Senator from ABE and I put out a form about the grant application process. We want this to be open to anyone.
  1. Chair of GRAC is in support of this
  2. Once we get response, we will bring this to the GRAC team to see how we can improve and then will bring it to the senate to
- iii. Question – will this go out in the weekly newsletter?
  1. We can consider it
  2. GRAC – We thought that our emails (the newsletters) go unnoticed. Thought it might be more impactful from Senators.
- iv. Why was the childcare grant canceled?
  1. Financial aid dissolved their involvement in the grant, and it had a financial need requirement which requires it to go under financial aid. Had a team vote and the team voted to dissolve the grant.
  2. Could we send out a formal statement?
  3. When the team voted on it, do you mean by GRAC or the senate?
    - a. Senate Chair – this is a period of questions about the announcement, not other stuff. I encourage you to ask these questions outside of the meeting.
- v. This information will be sent to senators on Friday

#### **IX. Adjournment (8:20 PM)**

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Senator from History
  - i. Seconded by the Senator from CS
  - ii. Motion taken via voice vote requiring at least 50% in affirmative to carry.
    1. Motion carries
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:29



**APPENDIX A**  
**SENATOR ROLL CALL**

[SEE ATTACHED TWO (2) PAGES]

Present (40):

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  
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  
Botany and Plant Pathology - Pascal Okoye  
Chemical Engineering - Isaac S. Wheeler  
Chemistry - Temitope Olayemi  
Civil Engineering - Jose Capa Salinas  
Comparative Literature - Marisa J Bryans  
Computer Science (CS) - Jacob White  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Jacob Mishne  
Educational Studies - Ali Holmes  
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) - Paschal Amusuo  
Engineering Management - Titiksha Wagh  
Food Science - Elma Kontor-Manu  
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) - Desmond Sosu Mensah  
Gerontology - Destiny Ogle  
Health Sciences - Joseph Speth  
History - Secret Permenter  
Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS) - Inga Nordgren  
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (IPPH) - Shambhavi Borde  
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC) - Tuba Marjan  
Languages and Cultures - Roseline Adewuyi  
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  
Physics and Astronomy - Soumik Chandra  
Political Science - Benjamin E Torres  
Sociology - Corey Resweber



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

Not Present (20):

Agronomy - Lynda Peter  
Basic Medical Sciences - Naseem Alfadh  
Communication - Husen-Chi Chiu  
Comparative Pathobiology - Omnia Ibrahim  
Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (CIGP) - Meenakshi Narayanaswami  
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) - Michael Oyelakin  
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE) - Jamie Klamerus  
Engineering Education - Kevin Jay Kaufman-Ortiz  
Engineering Technology - Praga Giri  
English - Jeeyoung Choi  
Entomology - Leslie Aviles  
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE) - Venkat Roy  
Global Supply Chain Management (GSM) - Rohan Saini  
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) - Chang Ma  
Industrial Engineering - Mohammad Ahmadi Gharehtoragh  
Management (MGMT) - Jinfeng "Phoenix" Chen  
Philosophy and Literature - Mickey Bergman  
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe) - Lauren Wilbanks  
Statistics - Kyle Conrad  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS) - Oluwabunmi Titilope Oladele



**APPENDIX B**  
**LIFE TEAM MINUTES**

[SEE ATTACHED THREE (3) PAGES]

**Purdue Graduate Student Government Life Team**  
*Meeting Minutes*

January Meeting  
01/17/2024, 6:00 pm  
BRNG 2280  
Mikayla Roach is recording the minutes

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

- a. 6:51 pm

**II. Roll Call**

- a. Fill out this form →

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes approved

**IV. Approval of the Agenda**

- a. Agenda approved

**V. Old Business**

- a. Fall 2023 events, any thoughts?

i. one main concern from the grad student socials is running out of food

1. Could we try prepackaged food? This would prevent people taking more than their fair share

- a. Lafayette Brewing Company does not do prepackaged food but a good solution could be having people serve the food rather than letting people make their own plates

- i. we would need volunteers if we want to do this

2. some people don't like that the food is first come first serve, maybe we can get tokens when we walk in and then you can turn in your token whenever you are ready to eat

- a. we could try to start the event before the food is served which will give people an opportunity to relax a bit if they do not want to eat right away

ii. games at the grad student socials were great

1. people were very entertained throughout the night

iii. Lafayette Brewing Company is a great location for our grad student socials especially considering they give us the whole second floor

iv. Fall picnic landed on a day with bad weather unfortunately

1. we will plan to have our spring picnic outdoors, this way we have more space and can bring things such as inflatables

v. We will have elections for a new chair near the end of the semester

vi. it would be nice if we could do a larger tailgate next year to be more inclusive

1. would be ideal to have a tent in the parking lot of the stadium

- a. this would cost more so we may have to compromise on the number of tickets we get



- b. if we do the tailgate for a big conference game it would cost more than if we wanted to do the tailgate for a small non conference game
- c. even if we have a limited number of tickets, maybe we can have a larger tailgate with more food
- d. we could try to merge the fall picnic with a tailgate
  - i. making reservations for space on campus is difficult on game day weekends - finding a space would be the hardest challenge but it will not be impossible
- vii. In general, feedback has been very positive regarding Life Team events
- viii. maybe we can put something in advertisement that states people should arrive early if they want food so they know it is possible that they may not get food if they are late
- ix. it could be nice to conduct the coffee corners at a different location
  - 1. we have tried - we have done the coffee corners at Greyhouse and at Lavazza in the past
  - 2. we have considered doing it at the starbucks in the MSEE building but they do not want to work with us
  - 3. we cannot do it off campus

## VI. New Business

- a. Grad student social this Friday @ Lafayette Brewing Co
  - i. everyone, right now, send 3 songs to the Slack channel so Kevin can add them to the playlist for background noise
  - ii. if you come to the event early you can make your plate and eat before the event starts
    - 1. please try your best to get there early - this will help Kevin a lot in knowing who is there and who can possibly help out
      - a. please try to come at 5:30 if possible
    - 2. can we have a larger budget for the grad student socials?
      - a. we have a certain amount in our budget for these events and we have equally allocated the amount of money for each event (4 events)
        - i. we could cut other events to get more funds for the grad student socials if we really want to
- b. Ice skating event on Friday, Feb 17th from 10pm - Midnight, things to do:
  - i. Confirm date and time would work for graduate students
    - 1. the date is being held for us now pending payment
  - ii. Ring is Recreational Parks in Lafayette
  - iii. We cannot pay for events on Life Team funds until the event happens without an APF
    - 1. we can pay for it out of our own pockets then get refunded two weeks after the APF has been submitted
    - 2. we are going to cover the cost of shoes and entrance to the rink for students but we do not know how many people will be coming yet



3. we are planning on renting the entire rink and then limiting the event to 60 people
  - iv. we do not know when the rink closes, maybe sometime in the beginning of March
  - v. Flier from PRO, first come first serve 60 people, rink and shoes included
  - vi. Submit APF (Michael will do this tonight/tomorrow)
- c. Movie night ideas
- i. maybe try and do 3 this semester (I think we have the budget for it?)
  - ii. What movies do we want to see? Semester ends May 4th
    1. Madame Web (February 14th)
    2. Dune pt. 2 (March 15th)
    3. Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (March 22nd)
    4. The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (April 19th)
  - iii. we can do events opening weekend if we want but it is a little more expensive
  - iv. If anyone has a preference on which movie to watch, send a message in the Slack channel!

## VII. Open Discussion

- a. Next month we will talk about Grad Student Appreciation week
  - i. last year the week was early April
  - ii. we will try to have an event each day that week
    1. we can do a coffee corner one of the days, a movie night one of the days, possibly the spring picnic, the formal, all fired up, speed friendship (Somosmita has experience with speed friendship and may help if we do it)
    2. if you have an idea for an event for Grad Student Appreciation week send a message in Slack
    3. we have some flexibility in our budget for non repeat events
    4. need help with coming up with ideas and then as we get close to the event we will need help planning
- b. Would be nice to have a Life Team get together
  - i. we can do anything except spend PGSG money on this

## VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Tope; Seconded by Michael Sodeke
- b. Voice Vote
  - i. Aye's have it
  - ii. Motion Carries
- c. Adjourned at 7:26 pm