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## PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

### BILL No. SP24-B010

#### **Mandating that all PGSG minutes be made public excepting executive sessions and updating the constitution appropriately**



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**Author(s):** Legislative Review Committee

**Sponsor(s):** Secret Permenter, Department of History

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**WHEREAS,** The Executive Board is tasked by the PGSG Constitution to “[o]versee the general operations of PGSG and ensure compliance with the Mission Statement of PGSG”<sup>1</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS** The Public Relations Officer is tasked by the PGSG Constitution “...record minutes of all Executive Board meetings.” and “...with the Senate Clerk, maintain an archive of all correspondences and minutes”<sup>2</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS** The PGSG Bylaws requires all Committees and Teams to deliver minutes to the Senate Chair for presumptive reporting to the Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS),<sup>3</sup> but is ambiguous regarding excepting the Executive Board of same reporting requirements to PGSS<sup>4</sup>; and,

**WHEREAS** The Executive Board carries out a wide variety of tasks including fiduciary and financial obligations towards PGSG. Furthermore, both PGSG and PGSS are representative organizations by the PGSG Constitution and therefore, transparency in operations is a requirement to ensuring effective representation; and,

**WHEREAS** Executive Board minutes have not been posted publicly nor reported to the PGSS in the past two calendar years; and,

**WHEREAS** All minutes taken in PGSG should be made public as PGSG is a governance and representative organization unless properly moved to a closed/executive session of the body.

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<sup>1</sup> PGSG Constitution. Art. III. Sect. 4. Subsect. B. Accessed on March 6, 2024

<sup>2</sup> PGSG Constitution. Art. III. Sect. 9. Subsects. B and C. Accessed on March 6, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> PGSG Bylaws. Section III.A.3.c. Accessed on March 6, 2024

<sup>4</sup> PGSG Bylaws. Section III.A.7. Accessed on March 6, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED,** That the PGSG Constitution be updated to amend the responsibility of the Public Relations Officer defined in Article III, Section 9, Subsections B to be as follows:

*C. With the Senate Clerk, maintain an archive of all correspondence and minutes from all committees and teams, the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, and the Executive Board. All minutes must be made available to the PR Committee by the Senate Clerk for Purdue Graduate Student Senate and the appropriate Committee or Team Chair for committee and team meetings within five business (5) days following their approval. All minutes must be made publicly available to all members of PGSG and uploaded to the PGSG webpage within ten (10) business days following their receipt by the PR Committee except in the case of a properly held executive session (as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised).*

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this update not be construed to imply that minutes taken in a proper executive (closed) session of a body be required to be publicly disclosed.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That upon approval by SAO, this update also be applied to all past minutes, requiring their public disclosure by the end of the Fall 2024 semester.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED** 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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## Certification

I, Secret Permenter, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 by the following vote:

**AYES (34):** Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE) - Josue N. Rivera  
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) - Daphne Fauber  
Agricultural Economics - Diamilatou Kane  
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT) - Luigi Raphael Dy  
Biochemistry - Victor Gutierrez-Schultz  
Biomedical Engineering - Mikayla Roach  
Chemical Engineering - Isaac S. Wheeler  
Chemistry - Temitope Olayemi  
Communication - Husen-Chi Chiu  
Comparative Literature - Marisa J Bryans  
Computer Graphics Technology - Sanjeevani Patankar  
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  
Engineering Education - Anyerson Cuervo  
Engineering Management - Titiksha Wagh  
Engineering Technology - Praga Giri  
Food Science - Elma Kontor-Manu  
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) - Desmond Sosu Mensah  
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  
Management (MGMT) - Jinfeng "Phoenix" Chen  
Materials Engineering - Daniel Sinclair  
Mathematics - Patrick Henry Debonis  
Mechanical Engineering (ME) - Meghavin Bhatasana  
Nutrition Science - Qianyue Wang  
Philosophy - James Emery  
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe) - Lauren Wilbanks  
Sociology - Corey Resweber  
Statistics - Kyle Conrad

**NAYS (0):**

**ABSENT (16):** Agronomy - Lynda Peter  
Animal Sciences - Opeadura Timileyin Osunbami  
Basic Medical Sciences - Naseem Alfadhl  
Comparative Pathobiology - Omnia Ibrahim  
Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (CIGP) -  
Meenakshi Narayanaswami  
Educational Studies - Alexandria Holmes  
English - Jeeyoung Choi  
Entomology - Leslie Aviles  
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE) - Venkat Roy  
Global Supply Chain Management (GSM) - Rohan Saini  
Industrial Engineering - Mohammad Ahmadi Gharehtoragh  
Nuclear Engineering (NE) - Stepan Ozerov  
Philosophy and Literature - Ramona Bergman  
Physics and Astronomy - Soumik Chandra  
Political Science - Benjamin E Torres  
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS) - Margaret Ziko

**ABSTAINED (12):** Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC) -  
Mathew Smith  
Anthropology - Rebecca Gale Martinez  
Biological Sciences - Morgan Chaney  
Botany and Plant Pathology (BPP) - Pascal Okoye  
Civil Engineering - Jose Capa Salinas  
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) - Paschal Amusuo  
Gerontology - Destiny Ogle  
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA) - Vera Vukovic  
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) - Chang Ma  
Languages and Cultures - Adewuyi Roseline  
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (TLI) - Elnara Mammadova  
Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS) - Oluwabunmi Titilope Oladele

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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Secret Permenter  
Senate Clerk, PGSS