

Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)

First Senate Meeting

Friday, August 9th, 2024; 7:00 PM - **End Time: 8:00 PM**

Hybrid, Zoom and PGSC 105 A/B

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:25 PM
 - b. 25 out of 35 senators present. Quorum is met
- II. Roll Call***
 - a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
 1. The list of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates will be appended to these minutes (Appendix A)
 2. The list of Vacant Senate Seats will be appended to these minutes (Appendix B)
 - b. Executive Officers
 1. Present
 - a) President
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Public Relations Officer
 - d) Diversity Officer
 2. Not Present
 - a) Legislative Affairs Officer
 3. Vacant
 - a) Chief of Staff
 - c. The Senator Attendance will be appended to these minutes (Appendix C)
- III. Approval of Minutes (*General Consent*)**
 - a. Motion to waive reading by the Senator from DVM
 1. Second by the Senator from History
 - b. Approved by general consent.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. No motion to amend agenda.
 - b. Agenda approved by general consent.
- V. Consent Agenda (*any item may be removed by a single voice*)**
 - a. Committee and Team Reports
 1. No committee and team reports
 - b. Other Reports
 1. No other reports
 - c. Reports of University Committees and Boards
 1. No Reports of University Committees and Boards
 - d. Consent agenda approved by general consent.
- VI. Officer Reports (*General Consent*)**
 - a. President Verbal Report
 1. We are now representing Grad students in Indianapolis (Indy) and have one Senator from Indy thus far.
 2. We will host activities in Indy, and we encourage West Lafayette (WL) students to participate in these programmings
 3. Rides2U – Change of administration at the Grad School, so with that the budget (about

\$40,000) has not yet been confirmed for the next year

4. There was a program of shuttle service vouchers for Indy and ORD, which will begin again this fall.
5. We have new graduate student orientation (NGSO) – it is on August 16, at 9 am, Loeb playhouse
 - a) Great way to represent your department and support new graduate students.
 - b) Details will be shared via email once we get them
 - c) We have PGSG polos that we will be wearing if you volunteer
- b. Life Team Chair
 1. Haven't had many events this year, yet.
 2. Upcoming events – The welcome night at Lafayette Brewing Company for August 29th at 6:30 PM
 - a) In the future you will get more detailed reports of spending and such.
- c. PRO
 1. We paused the newsletter for a bit, simply because many on our list graduated. Working with the Graduate school to get new email lists
 - a) 3,000 students not yet registered this fall
 - b) Revamped the newsletter
 - c) We will have applications for reports to go into the newsletter
 2. Website has seen major changes and updates
 - a) New bios, pictures, of e-board and Senators
 3. Created an office of Webmaster
 - a) I have appointed someone to be the Webmaster
- d. Community Team
 1. We were quite dormant in the summer except for the literary club, which has been active
 - a) Weekly meeting every Saturday. Try to finish one book for every month/month and a half.
 - b) This weekend we are beginning a new book.
- e. GRAC
 1. First grant round due next Wednesday (August 14)
 2. Transitional Housing Grant has opened. 20 applications have come in so far.
- f. Diversity Chair
 1. Welcome the AAARCC Senator
 - a) We have a lot of events coming up
 - b) AAARCC is open to anyone who wants to come
 - c) Hope to see everyone at the AAARCC and at these events
 2. LGBTQ is really excited about appointing a Senator to join us
 - a) Not able to join us today, but will in the future
 3. Other Cultural Centers will work on trying to get their centers represented.
 4. Disability Student Union – Representation as well
 5. Express Fest – please join us
 6. September 14 – Red Zone Tailgate in Cary Quad
 - a) Details will be extended later
 - b) CARE is passionate about getting info about respectful relationships to our graduate students.
 - c) If grad students need a confidential ear, CARE is a great resource.
- g. Senate Chair
 1. This is the first time we've had a Cultural Center representative on our Senate, which is a big deal.
 2. Thank you to AAARCC for joining us

VII. Old Business

- a. No Old Business. All old business from last semester is cleared according to Roberts' Rules of Order
 1. In Chapter 4, 9-7 page 81, they speak about this specifically

VIII. New Business

- a. **Introduction of Emergency Legislation**

1. No Emergency Legislation
- b. **Election of Chief of Staff:**
 1. Call for nominations
 - a) Ali Holmes nominated by President
 - (i) Ali Holmes accepts the nomination
 - b) Ayush Agarwal nominated by the Senator from TLI
 - (i) According to the constitution, eligibility for the COS position is limited to those who have served as an officer of the Executive Board or as a Chair of a committee or team, as defined by the PGSG Bylaws.
 - (ii) Motion to suspend the rules by the Senator from ME
 - (a) Second by the Senator from TLI
 - (b) Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote
 - (i) Ayes have it. The rules are suspended and Ayush is permitted to run for the COS position
 - c) Jude Tetteh Quarshie nominated by Senator from SLC
 - (i) According to the constitution, eligibility for the COS position is limited to those who have served as an officer of the Executive Board or as a Chair of a committee or team, as defined by the PGSG Bylaws.
 - (ii) Motion to suspend the rules by the Senator from SLC
 - (a) Seconded by the Senator from Biological Sciences
 - (b) Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote
 - (c) Ayes have it. The rules are suspended and Jude is permitted to run for the COS position
 2. Election Committee – Senators from EE and Languages and Cultures
 3. Ali Holmes
 - a) Speech
 - (i) 4th year candidate in Ed Psych
 - (ii) PGSG Experiences
 - (a) 3 years – VC of Professional Grants for 2 years, GRAC Chair and Senator last year.
 - (b) Beyond what is required of myself, I have been actively involved in participating in PGSG
 - (i) MHAW, Golden Taps ceremony, Fall Picnic, and different socials.
 - (ii) I represent students nationally in interest groups for a national organization
 - (a) I also help with grad student programming for conferences
 - (iii) The COS is supposed to support the president, teams, and committees,
 - (a) I was appointed 9 days ago and in that time I was able to effectively ensure that PGSG was able to function this year
 - (i) No reservations were booked by the previous COS, and through my connections I got this all squared away
 - (b) Given my years, I am familiar with expectations, time commitments, etc. Eboard has given their unanimous support for me in this role.
 - b) Questions
 - (i) President – Given experience last year, and having seen how team nights were run, what are plans for this year and what should we bring in
 - (a) last year, team nights did not start on time, I want to be more efficient
 - (b) I moved Team nights to 6:30 pm to accommodate other officers' schedules
 - (c) We will be addressing issues with attendance. Swipe in and

- Swipe out policies will be in place
- (ii) Senator from TLI – As you know, we worked together last year. There was conflict and discrimination that was always and also discussed widely in the Senate meeting and a bill was discussed because of this issue. Later you made a complaint against me, and added other officers to that complaint. You were not elected as president. This time as COS, you have a big number of students you are going to work with. How will you ensure us that if someone.
 - (a) Words said there hold a lot of power. You mention that I brought a harassment complaint, in which there was an email sent to hundreds of students. This is a matter of the past and I would like it to remain in the past.
 - (b) I do not think it is progressive for our group to continue talking about this issue
 - (iii) Senator – What is the point of asking a question if you can't get an answer
 - (a) One minute to ask a question, and then she responds.
 - (iv) Senator – Any strategies you plan to have in place to make sure people do not get hurt and are well supported?
 - (a) Will meet with team chairs to make sure everyone is seen and heard. I am open to discussions and don't foresee issues going forward.
 - (v) Senator – If there is a conflict, how do you answer this?
 - (a) Time has elapsed
 - (b) President motions to extend by one minute
 - (i) Seconded by the Senator from TLI
 - (ii) 50% majority required
 - (a) Ayes have it 1 minute added
 - (c) How do I deal with someone who opposes my viewpoint? I would sit down and talk with them and figure out what the opposition is. I am here to support my teams, so I don't see what situations would come where I would oppose them, but rather have been effectively supporting them.
 - (vi) Motion to end questions by the Senator from DVM
 - (a) Second by President
 - (b) Time has passed, the period of questions has ended.
4. Ayush Agarwal
- a) Speech
 - (i) The university has proven that students are worth nothing. PGSG has made it important to show that we are important
 - (a) Being COS means I need to bring everyone together so that everyone can work together. I have a lack of experience, but what experience I have had gives me a unique standpoint.
 - b) Questions
 - (i) President – Given that we have NGSO, team nights, etc. What do you envision for team nights and administrative meetings, etc. Do you have ideas of what they would look like, and what is your vision in general?
 - (a) I have a limited perspective in this matter, but we need more representation on our committee. We could use much more people. Like, we had this discussion about public verses not public meetings, so I want to get more of the public involved.
 - (b) I don't know about activities in place, but there is always room for involvement. These perspectives bring new ideas for brainstorming. We have variation and new ideas.
 - (ii) GRAC chair – All team and committee chairs are new, so how will you support us as a new person in the group with no previous involvement?

- (a) Asking predecessors about how to do things. There are people I can ask to seek guidance from. This doesn't mean I would be bad at the job.
 - (iii) Diversity Chair – If there is no response from the predecessor, what would you do, especially being 7 days away from our big orientation. How do you envision getting volunteers and whatnot?
 - (a) Lack of volunteers is because people are not aware of the need for volunteers. They are not aware of what we are being asked to do.
 - (b) I will get them knowledge of what is expected of them and let them know that they are not alone in these duties.
5. Jude Tetteh Quarshie
- a) Speech
 - (i) I am in my second year, and for the past year I have been following PGSG very closely, which is how I came to know of the positions available.
 - (ii) Looking at my past experiences, I thought I would be good at the COS position
 - (a) In undergrad, I was the COS for students
 - (b) In my master's I was a member of the Senate
 - (c) Last year, I was the Treasurer for the Ghana association for students.
 - (d) Even though I have not been in PGSG, I have some knowledge that makes me fit this position.
 - (iii) I am compassionate, I get along with people, and I am very willing to learn from people
 - (iv) Good opportunity for me to serve Purdue and the graduate student community.
 - b) Questions
 - (i) President – How familiar are you with Team nights, given that that would be one of your main responsibilities. What do you envision bringing to the table
 - (a) I do not know much about the team nights, but this is what I will bring to the table.
 - (b) I am in the sciences. My department does not have a representative yet. In my kind of science, people aren't involved in the government as much. I will bring these perspectives to then include them.
 - (c) How do we get people interested in PGSG? – bring the perspective of the Layperson
 - (ii) Senator – You mentioned different positions that you served in in the past – What positions have you had in the past, including the ones you mentioned
 - (a) During the masters – member of the senate committee
 - (b) Last year, I was the treasurer for Ghana student association
 - (c) I have been the COS of my undergrad.
 - (iii) Senator from TLI – I hear that you have worked as a COS at another student organization. What year are you in?
 - (a) 2nd year
 - (b) Q – why not a part of PGSG last year?
 - (i) Answer – Last year, apart from the position as the treasurer in the Ghana student association. I had to balance Lab rotation, class, and TA. My class schedules conflicted with PGSG meetings.
 - (ii) This academic year, my schedule is much better.
 - (iv) DiversityChair – Elaborate in your role as the treasurer for the Ghana

student Association

- (a) Main responsibility was budgeting and maintaining finances. I made sure we had sponsorship for events
 - (i) We did not hold many events because we are small. We were able to get enough sponsorship for socializing events. That is basically my role. Otherwise make sure finances are up to par.
- c) Period of discussion
- 6. Motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes by the Senator from DVM
 - a) Seconded by the Senator from TLI
 - (i) Ayes have it, the meeting is extended by 15 minutes
- 7. Motion to extend the meeting by 15 min by President
 - a) Second by the Senator from History
 - (i) Nays have it, motion fails
- 8. Motion to extend the meeting by 5 min by the Senator from History
 - a) Second by Nutrition Science
 - (i) Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to extend
 - (ii) Motion carries, meeting extended until 8:23.
- 9. Period of Voting
 - a) Ali Holmes – 11
 - b) Ayush Agarwal – 4
 - c) Jude Tetteh Quarshie – 10
- 10. Former Senate Chair – Candidate is supposed to get more than 50% of the votes to be elected because of a secret ballot. Since that failed, the 2 candidates who led will have a runoff election, so another vote will be required. No one is the COS at this time.
 - a) We can technically table until the next meeting, or we can hold the runoff election now.
- 11. Point of inquiry from Senator – if we do a runoff election, will there be another quorum count?
 - a) Quorum can only be called once at the beginning. The vote has to be 13. Anyone who left counts as an abstention, which means they count as a “no.” So we still have to have a candidate reach 13 votes today to be voted in.
- 12. Motion to extend the meeting by 15 minutes by the President
 - (i) Second by the Senator from Languages and Cultures
 - (ii) requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
 - (iii) Unclear, need a roll call vote
 - (a) Ayes – 14
 - (b) Nays – 8
 - (iv) Motion Fails. Runoff election tabled until the next meeting.
 - (v) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

IX. Confirmation of Presidential Appointments:

- a. **Graduate Representatives on University Senate Committees and Boards**
 - 1. **Campus Appeals** - No appointment
 - 2. **Educational Policy Committee** - *Ali Holmes*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting
 - 3. **Grade Appeals Committee** - *Sindusha Mysore Saiprasad*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting
 - 4. **Library Committee** - *Secret Permenter*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting
 - 5. **Parking and Traffic Committee** - *Victor Gutierrez-Schultz*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting
 - 6. **Student Affairs Committee** - *Praga Giri*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting
 - 7. **Sustainability** - *Shuangting Li*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting
 - 8. **University Resources Policy Committee** - *Shalom Kpetsu*



- a) Tabled until the next meeting
- 9. **Visual Arts and Design Committee** - *Shalom Kpetsu*
 - a) Tabled until the next meeting

- b.
- X. **Consideration of Emergency Legislation**
- XI. **Announcements**
- XII. **Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Reference documents:

- XIII. [Financial Code of Operations.](#)
- XIV. [PGSG Constitution.](#)
- XV. [PGSG ByLaws.](#)



APPENDIX A

NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS AND ALTERNATES

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Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE) - Arjun Rajashekar Adiga
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) - Harsh Pathak
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC) - Aimable Mugabo
Animal Sciences - Iqra Nazir
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) - Nguyen Le
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT) - Gustavo Sanchez Cortes
Biochemistry - Gaoya (Grace) Meng
Biological Sciences - Ayomide Olohigbe Unuigbokhai
Biomedical Engineering - Mikayla Roach
Civil Engineering - Deepak Benny
Communication - Clara Elisa Hortua Alvarado
Computer and Information Technology (CIT) - El Breidi, Khalil
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Jacob Mishne
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) - INDY - Avijit Saha
Engineering Education - Anyerson Cuervo
Food Science - Daniel Alfonso Fajardo Reyes
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) - Delaney Frances Jones
History - Srishti Dutta Chowdhury
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC) - Tuba Marjan
Materials Engineering - Ankit Kumar
Mechanical Engineering (ME) - Aishwary Shrivastava
Nutrition Science - Rojina Thapa
Physics and Astronomy - Jonathan Wood
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (TLI) - Elnara Mammadova
Agricultural Economics - Emily Forsythe
Chemical Engineering - Katherine L. Young
Computer Graphics Technology - Sanjeevani Patankar
Computer Science (CS) - Mahmood, Syed Hasan Amin
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) - Vincent Sassard
Economics - Navid Safahieh
English - Dylan Henderson
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) - Reed Davisson
Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS) - Can Carkoglu
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (IPPH) - Rachana Sapkota
Management (MGMT) - Rajeev Karunanayake
Nuclear Engineering (NE) - Stepan Ozerov
Sociology - Juwen Wang



APPENDIX B

VACANT SENATE SEATS

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Program Name	College or Center
Accounting	Krannert School of Management
African-American Studies	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Agronomy	Agriculture
American Studies	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Anthropology	Liberal Arts
Art & Design	Liberal Arts
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)	Cultural
Basic Medical Sciences	Veterinary Medicine
Biomedical Sciences	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Black Cultural Center (BCC)	Cultural
Botany and Plant Pathology (BPP)	Agriculture
Business Analytics and Information Management	Krannert School of Management
Chemistry	Science
Civil Engineering	Engineering
Comparative Literature	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Comparative Pathobiology	Veterinary Medicine
Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (CIGP)	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Construction Management Technology	Polytechnic Institute
Curriculum and Instruction	Education
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE)	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Educational Studies	Education
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)	Engineering
Engineering Management	Engineering
Engineering Technology	Polytechnic Institute
Entomology	Agriculture
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE)	Engineering
Finance	Krannert School of Management
Gerontology	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Global Supply Chain Management (GSM)	Krannert School of Management
Health and Kinesiology	Health and Human Sciences
Health Sciences	Health and Human Sciences
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA)	Agriculture
Human Resource Management	Krannert School of Management

Independent Interdisciplinary Graduate Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Industrial Engineering	Engineering
Information Security	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Ingestive Behavior	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Languages and Cultures	Liberal Arts
Latino Cultural Center (LCC)	Cultural
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Center	Cultural
Linguistics	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Marketing	Krannert School of Management
Mathematics	Science
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology	Pharmacy
Native American Educational and Cultural Center (NAECC)	Cultural
Nursing	Health and Human Sciences
Nutrition	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Pharmacy Practice	Pharmacy
Philosophy	Liberal Arts
Philosophy and Literature	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Political Science	Liberal Arts
Psychological Sciences	Health and Human Sciences
Public Health	Health and Human Sciences
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe)	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS)	Health and Human Sciences
Statistics	Science
Theatre	Liberal Arts
Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS)	Veterinary Medicine
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies



APPENDIX C
SENATE ROLL CALL

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Present (24):

Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE) - Arjun Rajashekar Adiga
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) - Harsh Pathak
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC) - Aimable Mugabo
Animal Sciences - Iqra Nazir
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) - Nguyen Le
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT) - Gustavo Sanchez Cortes
Biochemistry - Gaoya (Grace) Meng
Biological Sciences - Ayomide Olohigbe Unuigbokhai
Biomedical Engineering - Mikayla Roach
Civil Engineering - Deepak Benny
Communication - Clara Elisa Hortua Alvarado
Computer and Information Technology (CIT) - El Breidi, Khalil
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Jacob Mishne
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) - INDY - Avijit Saha
Engineering Education - Anyerson Cuervo
Food Science - Daniel Alfonso Fajardo Reyes
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Not Present (13):

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