

2023 - 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Purdue Student Graduate Government



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2023-2024 Senate Chair Report

By Secret Permenter, Senator for History

Dear Purdue Community,

PGSG has had a very active year, and it was a sincere pleasure to serve the Purdue community as we advocated for its graduate students and executed a variety of programs to enhance the graduate school experience during the 2023-2024 academic year. This report will highlight some of the key accomplishments we here at PGSG are most proud of and will also highlight some goals that we have moving forward into the next school year.

First off, the Senate has grown to have active representation for about 10 more departments than it did last year, bringing the total number of senators to 62. Those senators diligently represented their constituents throughout the year and considered over 20 pieces of legislation ranging from ensuring the new Transitional Housing Grant is administered as easily possible to the graduate student community, to voicing input on world events that drastically impact graduate students here at Purdue as part of affected communities. Additionally, many pieces of legislation served to update our Governing documents during its biannual review. Under the direction of the PGSG Parliamentarian, the Legislative Review Committee reviewed the PGSG Constitution, Bylaws, and Financial Code of Operations and drafted legislation that would update these documents to ensure smooth operations for PGSG in the future. Not all of those legislative items could be considered, so the LRC report which was delivered to the senate at the last senate meeting on April 24 is a crucial record to ensure PGSG governing documents continue to enable PGSG to serve the graduate community to the best of its ability in the coming years.

The PGSG teams with broader public outreach also hosted a variety of events that drew a large crowd to allow the PGSG graduate student community to socialize, develop professionally, and give back to the Purdue community and surrounding areas. These teams were the Life Team, Community Team, Career Team, and Diversity Team. The life team hosted a variety of events including coffee corners where graduate students could get free coffee at a local coffee house, movie nights where graduate students were able to gather and watch newly released movies at the Wabash theater, and the fall picnic where graduate students could gather and enjoy food and socialization with their peers and families. The Community Team hosted a variety of events focused primarily on giving back to the surrounding areas or fostering a sense of community within the graduate student body. These events included recurring book clubs where the attendees could read and discuss books with a broad social impact, participating in local science education and outreach events, and other events centered around giving back to the surrounding community. The Career Team faced some administrative challenges this year in deciding how to respond to not having the resources necessary at the university level to host the semesterly career fair. Consequently, much of its attention was directed towards building a strong foundation that would enable future membership to host a variety of events focused on professional development in the absence of a career fair. Finally, the newly created Diversity Team under the direction of

the PGSG Diversity Officer was formed with the specific focus of improving and highlighting diversity around Purdue University. The new team established their operating procedures, hosted a variety of events including the Empowering Women in STEM forum and the Indigenous Tea giveaway in, and are looking forward to next year to continue implementing a variety of programs and initiatives aimed to enhance diversity.

Finally, the remaining two committees, the Public Relations Committee and the Grant Review and Allocation Committee (GRAC) have worked extensively to serve and support PGSG internally and also to distribute funds to the broader Purdue graduate student community. Under the direction of various PGSG Public Relations Officers (PRO) the Public Relations Committee developed materials to advertise PGSG events and interfaced with the graduate student community via a variety of sources including weekly newsletters, updating the PGSG website, and extensive social media interactions. On the other hand, GRAC has distributed over \$150,000 in grant funds to the graduate student body and has on-boarded a new grant to support graduate students undergoing housing transitions.

Each team and committee will go into more detail about their activities during the 2023-2024 year throughout this report, but this serves to highlight that PGSG is committed to serving the Purdue graduate student community in a variety of manners and is growing. PGSG looks forward to continuing to serve and advocate for the Purdue graduate student body in the coming year and is eager to see the fresh and innovative ideas that new PGSG membership and leadership will bring to the table.

2024-2025 Senate Vacancies

Program Name	Type	College or Center
Accounting		Krannert School of Management
African-American Studies	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Agricultural Economics	Department	Agriculture
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC)	Department	Agriculture
American Studies	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Art & Design	Department	Liberal Arts
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)	Cultural Center	Cultural
Biomedical Sciences	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Black Cultural Center (BCC)	Cultural Center	Cultural
Business Analytics and Information Management		Krannert School of Management
Chemical Engineering	Department	Engineering
Civil Engineering	Department	Engineering
Computer and Information Technology	Department	Polytechnic Institute
Computer Science (CS)	Department	Science
Construction Management Technology	Department	Polytechnic Institute
Curriculum and Instruction	Department	Education
Economics	Department	Krannert School of Management
Engineering Technology	Department	Polytechnic Institute
Finance		Krannert School of Management
Gerontology	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Health and Kinesiology	Department	Health and Human Sciences
Human Resource Management		Krannert School of Management
Independent Interdisciplinary Graduate Program	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Information Security	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Ingestive Behavior	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Latino Cultural Center (LCC)	Cultural Center	Cultural
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Center	Cultural Center	Cultural
Linguistics	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Management (MGMT)	Department	Krannert School of Management
Marketing		Krannert School of Management
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology	Department	Pharmacy
Native American Educational and Cultural Center (NAECC)	Cultural Center	Cultural
Nursing	Department	Health and Human Sciences
Nutrition	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
Pharmacy Practice	Department	Pharmacy
Political Science	Department	Liberal Arts
Psychological Sciences	Department	Health and Human Sciences
Public Health	Department	Health and Human Sciences
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS)	Department	Health and Human Sciences
Statistics	Department	Science
Theatre	Department	Liberal Arts
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	Graduate Interdisciplinary Program	Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies

2023-24 Career Team Chair Report

By Desmond Sosu Mensah

I was elected as the Chair of the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) Career Team on March 20th, 2024. Although my term has been short, I have focused on organizing and executing one key event to support graduate students in their career development.

Summary of Accomplishments

- **Event – Resume Building**

- ❖ April 10, 2024, at the Purdue Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)
- ❖ **Collaborators:** Center for Career Opportunities (CCO) and AAARCC
- ❖ **Attendance:** 15 graduate students from various departments
- ❖ **Description:** The event aimed to help graduate students enhance their resumes for job and internship applications. Attendees received personalized feedback from a career advisor, which many found valuable for improving their competitiveness in the job market.
- ❖ **Outcome:** The event was well received, with participants appreciating the detailed and constructive feedback. The success of this event shows the need for ongoing career development initiatives within the graduate community.

Purpose and Impact of the Event

The Resume Review event was designed to provide graduate students with the tools and guidance necessary to create effective resumes. The purpose was to prepare students for the competitive job market by offering one-on-one resume reviews and constructive feedback. This initiative was intended to address the gap in personalized career support for graduate students.

2024-25 Goals and Recommendations for the Career Team

As the re-elected Career Team Chair, my goals include:

1. Expand Career Development Workshops

- ❖ Organize regular workshops on resume building, interview skills, and job search strategies.
- ❖ Collaborate with industry professionals to provide insights into various career paths.

2. Increase Engagement with the Polytechnic Institute

- ❖ Involve more students from the Polytechnic Institute in career events, as many of them are already engaged with companies.
- ❖ Leverage their experiences to enhance networking opportunities for all graduate students.

3. Foster Industry-Specific Networking Events

- ❖ Host events featuring recruiters and industry experts from different sectors.
- ❖ Provide a platform for students to network and gain industry-specific career advice.

4. Conduct Surveys to Identify Student Needs

- ❖ Regularly survey graduate students to understand their career development needs and preferences.
- ❖ Use survey results to organize events and workshops to better serve the graduate community.

5. Promote Entrepreneurship and Freelancing Opportunities

- ❖ Organize talks and workshops on entrepreneurship and freelancing as viable career options.

In summary, my short tenure has allowed me to begin addressing the career development needs of Purdue's graduate students. Moving forward, I aim to expand our efforts to provide comprehensive career support and create meaningful opportunities for all graduate students.

2023-2024 Diversity Officer Report

By Rachel Zhang

Programming and Events

1. Inaugural Empowering Women in STEM Forum

- Hosted four sessions with over 100 participants.
- Coordinated with panelists, managing logistics and scheduling.
- Managed event logistics including food arrangements and venue reservations.
- Created promotional materials including flyers and social media posts.
- Facilitated two sessions, fostering engaging discussions and networking opportunities.



EMPOWERING WOMEN IN STEM FORUM 2024

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 **Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women in Leadership**
March 6 (Wed) 12-1pm, Purdue Graduate Student Center
Fireside Chat with Dr. Beth Holloway
Senior Assistant Dean for Student Access and Success
Leah H. Jamieson Director of Women in Engineering
Professor of Engineering Practice, Mechanical Engineering

Overcoming Biases and Embracing Innovation 
March 22 (Fri) 12-1pm, Asian & Asian American Resource Center

 **Dr. Noori Kim**
Asst. Professor in Engineering Technology Chair, IEEE Women in Engineering - Central Indiana

 **Michelle Bartley-Taylor**
Director, Center for Excellence for Women & Technology, IU Bloomington

 **Dr. Olga Scrivner**
Assistant Professor in Computer Science, Rose-Hulman University of Science and Technology

 **Dr. Suha Lasassmeh**
Lecturer, Intelligent Systems Engineering, IU Bloomington

 **Resonant Leader & Meaningful Relationships**
March 25 (Mon) 12-1pm, Purdue Graduate Student Center
Fireside Chat with Dr. Lindsey Payne
Director of Service-Learning, Office of Engagement
Assistant Professor of Practice, Environmental Ecological Engineering

 **Navigating Pathways from Academia to Big Pharma**
March 29 (Fri) 12-1pm, Purdue Graduate Student Center
Fireside Chat with Dr. Anastasiia Vasiukhina-Martin
Advisor, Research & Development, Eli Lilly
Purdue Alum, Biomedical/Medical Engineering

Lunch provided with **RSVP: bit.ly/WomeninSTEMPGSG**

- 0. **Traveling while Black VR Movie Screening**
 - o Organized screenings of "Traveling While Black" during Black History Month.
 - o Hosted two screenings at the Envision Center, attracting a total of 44 students.
 - o Provided immersive VR experience to explore the African American travel experience.
- 0. **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**
 - o Distributed Latin snacks and organized a Zumba session with 50+ participants.
- 0. **Native American Heritage Month Celebration**
 - o Indigenous tea giveaway at PGSC on Nov 30. Designed posters and marketing.
- 0. **We CARE Lunch & Learn Series**
 - o Held five sessions on Jan 25, Feb 13, Feb 22, Mar 7, and Mar 26, 12:30-1:30pm at PGSC. With over 100 participants.
 - o This series addresses topics such as bystander intervention, intercultural foundations, and power differences among graduate students. Lunch is provided (RSVP required).
- 0. **DEI open house**

Provided graduate students with a platform to discuss DEI topics and solutions at Purdue.

Collab

1. RedZone Tailgate to improve sexual harassment awareness. Colab with Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE). "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. Designed and sponsored swags (consent magnets)
2. Colab with Ace Campus Food Pantry's event featuring Da'Shaun Harrison
3. Colab with HTM GSO, AgEcon GSA, Queer Graduate Student Association, on trivia-networking event

Legislation

1. Authored and passed the legislation to create the Diversity Team
2. Co-authored legislation on adding Juneteenth to Purdue calendar -> Endorsed by EDIC -> Passed on University Senate -> Adopted by Registrar
3. (follow up on previously passed legislation) worked with Purdue on extending Writeful to a campus-wide contract. Failed to pass due to not enough accessibility information provided.
4. Provided advice for SP24-R002 - "*Resolution opposing Indiana Senate Bill 202.*"
5. Provided advice for Emergency Bill to Provision of Financial Support for Gaza
6. Drafted legislation on improving cultural center senator representation.
7. Supported the legislation of creating Southwest Asian and North African Center to EDIC and University Senate.

Ongoing communications

1. Representing Purdue grad students and attended Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Meetings throughout the year.
2. Reached out to Queer GSA, AAAGraSA, Black Graduate Student Associations, Latinx Graduate Student Organization about senate representation
3. Reached out to cultural centers about senator positions.
4. Met with cultural center directors on a monthly bases
5. Attended Graduate School Advisory Board monthly meetings throughout the year

Appearance

1. Tabled at LGBTQ Center Rainbow Callout
2. Tabled with cultural centers at the Express Fest
3. Attended cultural award nights hosted by Nigerian Student Association and Francophone Student Association.
4. Participated in the Domestic/Relationship Violence Honor Walk hosted by the Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE).

Documents

Compiled a contact list of cultural student organizations for future reference and collaboration.

2023-2024 Community Team Chair Report

By Qianyue Wang

The leaders from community team 2023–2024 include:

- Chair: Qianyue
- Vice Chair: Sindusha
- MHAW Director: Erangi
- Big Grad Director: Riya
- Research-O-Rama Director: Daphne

Other members include: Anirudh, Chrisil, Deepika, Joe, Josue, Maggie, Meghna, Mike, Muna

Fall Semester:

During the fall semester, community organized the following events:

- Literature club: we held the literature club as a regular event every Saturday afternoon 4-6 PM. On average, there were 15 participants every week. We gave away free book copies to those who were born in that month.
- Halloween Night
 - **Time:** Oct 30th 6–8 PM
 - **Venue:** PGSC 105 A-B
 - **Event description:** Dress up and carve pumpkins and decorate lanterns. Sign-up through RSVP
 - **#Participants:** approx. 40
 - **Budget:** \$600 (cost within budget)
 - Volunteer lists:**
 - RSVP and flier design: @Meghna
 - Pumpkins Purchase and carry @Riya @Deepika Sharma @Wendy @Xinle @Qianyue
 - Set things up: @Riya @Meghna @Chrisil @Qianyue
 - Order Food: @Riya
 - Organize the event: @Sindu @Riya @Anirudh
 - Pumpkin carving instructor: Ian Bowyer
 - Clean up: @Moona @Riya @Sindu @Anirudh @Deepika Sharma @Chrisil
 - Send pumpkins to Women Shelter: @Riya Jill, Sidney from PGSC
- MHAW Fall 2023:
 - Time: Nov 13th to 17th
 - Events: baking, painting, bowling night, knitting, kick-off breakfast, candle giveaway

Events	Details (without funding)	Budget without funding	Confirm Venue	People in charge	Date (Nov 13th to 17th)	Volunteers needed
Events below funded by \$5,000 independent of community budget						
Kickoff breakfast	Free breakfast , resources & chat with CAPS, Provost, deans coming?	\$3,000	PGSC 105	Qianyue, Erangi, Sindu	Monday 11/13/23, 9.30-11:30 AM	1 guide for coming students–Sindu 4 serving food (9:15–11:15) front desk– 3 serving snacks and drinks & clean tables (9:15–11:15) inside 105– Erangi 1 with car (11:30–12:00) for women shelter if large quantity left
Candle giveaway	Trivia Game with CAPS, Flora Candle company \$12, 150, Provost, deans coming?	\$2,000	PGSC 105	Jill (for help), AAE GSO (Aerospace Jennifer)	Monday, 11/13/2023 11:30 AM–1:30 PM	2-3 Cleaning Tables & Serve Snacks & Drinks, helping candles giveaway–Qianyue, Erangi 4 Clean up (1:30–3:00?) & Helping set up painting stuff–Joe, Josue, Qianyue
total		\$5,000				
Painting	Canvas Painting, tote bags painting	\$400	PGSC 105	Qianyue, Sauneok	Monday, Nov 13th, 6-8 pm (reserved 4h)	1 purchase canvas and tote bags in-person store (by Saturday) 2 keep attendance & organize, take photos (6-8 PM)–Saunok,

						4 cleanup (8-8:40 PM)--Riya, Chrisil, Saunok
Thanksgiving postcards	Sending postcards to friends in US (PGSG pay the costs)	\$200	PGSC	Qianyue	Tuesday Nov 14 9 AM-5 PM Friday Nov 17 12 PM	
Knit & Listen	Snacks provided	Town Hall?	PGSC 105	Somosmita/ Qianyue	6-8 PM Tuesday Nov 14th	1 attendance & organize & clean up (6-8:30 PM)
Salsa Dancing	Work with Salsa club	\$60(tutoring fees)+\$60	PMU South Tower, Room	Sindu	Wednesday Nov 15th 6-8 PM	Volunteer: Chrisil, Josue
Baking	2 sections (20 people each)	\$450	Corec demonstration	Erangi, Maggie	5-6:30 PM 6:30-8 PM Thursday, Nov 16th	Volunteer: Josue
Bowling, pool table	2h (food supply?)	\$950	PMU	Erangi, Josue	Friday, 11/17/2023, 5-7 pm	Volunteers: Sindu, Daphne, Mike

Cost: \$839 under budget

Event	venue	Items	Cost	Budget	Total cost	Balance
Kick-off breakfast	Sam's Club	desserts, drinks	\$128.68			
	Sam's Club	plates	\$114.15			
	Two guys	breakfast	\$2,100			
Candle Giveaway	Flora Candle company	candles	\$1,980			
total				\$5,000	\$4,322.83	\$677
Painting Night	Amazon	canvas+tote bags	\$138.78	\$280	\$311	-\$31
	Gordon	table cloths	\$96			
	Michaels	canvas	\$76			

Knitting Event	Amazon	Knitting machines	\$103.7 7	\$410	\$219.08	\$191
		Yarns and metal needles	\$105.8 0			
		Bamboo needles	\$9.51			
	grilled chicken and rice	food	\$336.3 3	\$300	\$336.33	-\$36
Postcards	UBS	postcards	\$103.9 5			
Salsa Workshop	Salsa Dance club	tutoring	\$60	\$210	\$60	\$150
Baking event	Walmart		\$250	\$450	\$513	-\$63
	CoRec	rent	\$262.5 0			
Bowling Night	PMU venue	rent		\$950	\$1,000	-\$50
	pizza parm	food				
					Balance	\$839

- Winterization
 - Time: Nov 4, 2023
 - Organizer: Daphne
 - **Volunteer lists:** Daphne Fauber, Deepika Sharma, Sindusha Mysore Saiprasad, Rahul Mogalapalli, Mike Sserunjogi, Qianyue Wang, Anirudh Sampath, Andrew Pham, Trivikram T, Durga Keerthi Mandarapu

Spring Semester:

During the spring semester, community team organized the following events:

- **MHAW Spring 2024**
 - Promotion video: we collaborated with CAPS and Purdue Online to create a 2-min video for MHAW promotion.
 - Leader for video production: Josue
 - Volunteer Narrator: Joe
 - Video link:
https://purdue0-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/dierckma_purdue_edu/Epf9f-nXmKNi-seedZu4igBczLjl4s8JRon3zSZU6Z51w?e=vtpSlf
 - Events: students took an active part in these events. 120+ showed up for donut-giveaway, 300+ showed up for Kick-off lunch, 250 cups of Tom Coffee all ran out.

Day	Event	Time	Venue	Vendor	Budget	Costs	Organizer	Volunteer
Mon (02-26)	Kick-off	9-12 9-11 12-3 PM	ABE (South Uni Drive) PGSC–lunch (Two Guys), donuts/cupcakes, coffee	Tom’s coffee (vouchers–professional development platform?) Senate, Team Night Ask Jill	\$1.5k for 250 cups \$6k for 250 people Total: \$7.5k	\$1,484 (coffee, unpaid)+\$40 parking \$3,965 (Two guys)	Community Team	1(9-11) Daphne, Meghna 5 for 11:30-1:30 Chrisil, Erangi, Qianyue, Daniel, Daphne, Jonathan, Josue 3 for 1:30--3:30
Tue (02-27)	Takeover	9 AM-5 PM			\$1.5k	\$1.5k	CAPS	
	Dancing	5-6 PM	CoRec MP6	DAO club	\$200	\$70 (tutorial)+\$15(room reservation)	Qianyue	1 with car for snacks: Daphne
	Kitchen	6-7 PM	Demonstration Kitchen	CoRec	\$150 for 15 people	\$150	Maggie	
Wed (02-28)	Online Meditation	6-7 PM	Online	Andrew’s mom	\$100	\$100 (unpaid)	Qianyue	1 non-senator hold online section & RSVP: Erangi
Thursday (02-29)	Lunch Bags Giveaway	9-12	PGSC		\$2k	\$2,440		
Friday(03-01)	Cat Yoga	5:30-7 PM	WALC	Furry Foster	\$100?	\$187(snacks)+\$65(yoga instructor)+\$100 (Furry Foster)	Sindu	2: Riya, Meghna, Anirudh 1 with car for snacks

	Bowling Night	5-7P M	PMU		\$1.5k	\$628 (reservation)+\$569 (food)	Erangi	3: Chrisil, Josue, Mike
Saturday	Movie Night				\$13k	Total: \$11,313		

- Purdue Online also helped shooting B-rolls for Kick-off lunch and donuts giveaway
 - Video link:
https://purdue0-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/dierckma_purdue_edu/Eml0hFGRScpJv863i7FEo7UBtB7NefL2-_t0Vz0rmtguWg?e=Bh92ef
- **Literature club:** we held literature club as a regular event every Saturday afternoon 4-6 PM
- **Research-O-Rama:**

Research-O-Rama director: Daphne Rae Krutulis

Time: 11 AM–2 PM, Saturday, Feb 3rd

Venue: West Lafayette Public Library Elm and Maple Rooms

Responses: 8 (already sent out confirmation email on Jan 17th)

Reward for speakers: free lunch, gifts, select community’s choice, the most innovative research, etc. awards, just giving a certificate.

Speakers Name List:

(Full name for main contact & Purdue Email for main contact)

- Amirreza Mehrabi Amehrabipurdue.edu
- Breejha Quezada quezadabipurdue.edu
- Ujjawal Arya uaryaipurdue.edu
- Inga Nordgren inordgreipurdue.edu
- Jayna Enguita jenguitaipurdue.edu
- Romina Najarro Flores rnajarroipurdue.edu
- Brooke Barbat bbarbatipurdue.edu
- Becca Trapp rtrappipurdue.edu
- Robert Seif rseifipurdue.edu
- Shahnaz Safitri ssafitriipurdue.edu
- Brendha Christie Tanujaya btanujayipurdue.edu
- Engheang Nol enolipurdue.edu
- Riya Riya rriyaipurdue.edu
- Qianyue Wangwang4984ipurdue.edu
- Stefania Widya Setyaningtyas ssetyaniipurdue.edu
- Josue Nathanael Rivera Valdez river264ipurdue.edu
- Xiaolin Xu xu1103ipurdue.edu
- Lu, You-Ru lu799ipurdue.edu
- Bhopalam Rajakumar, Sthavishtha sbhopalaipurdue.edu

Awards winners:

- Crowd Favorite Award: LUCAS LAB
- Most Impactful: GOMEZ LAB
- The Most Inspiring Award: GERI LAB

Rewards for participants/audience: free snacks and drinks

Volunteer:

1. Confirm speakers: Daphne and Qianyue
2. Advertise among community: Daphne Make flyer: Qianyue
3. Send tips for presentation to speakers: Daphne on Jan 18th.
4. Check the quality of the presentation: Daphne by Jan 26th.
5. Order/pick up food and snacks: Daphne and Mike
6. Volunteers during the event: Mike; 12:30-2:00 Sindu, Chrisil

Total cost: about \$600

- **Lunar New Year celebration:**

- **Collaborator:** Chinese Calligraphy Club
- **Organizer:** Riya & Qianyue
- **Time:** Feb 2nd, 6-8 PM
- **Venue:** PGSC 105 A-B
- **#Participants:** 50
- **Total cost:** \$220

- **Holi:**

- **Collaborator:** American Indian Foundation
- **Time:** 6th April from 1pm to 5pm
- **Venue:** Memorial Mall
- **Cost:** \$400 for Samosa
- **Volunteer:** Riya, Muna, Kevin from diversity team

2023-2024 Grant Review and Allocation Committee Team Chair Report

By Alexandria Holmes

All year:

- Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
- Strategic Partnership Grant - \$750.00/ \$2,000.00- 37.5% spent.
- Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$2530.68.00/ 5000- 50% spent.
- Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023. Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00; 37% spent - **DISCONTINUED**
- Professional- 73.78% spent \$29,935.24/ \$30,570.00
- GSOGA- 77.39% spent \$25,001.00/ \$40,000.00
- Symposium -60% spent \$8,900 /\$11,500
- Travel- 77.58% spent \$57,900/ \$74,630.00
 - (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$33,000/\$45,000.00; 73.3% spent)
- Transitional 0/\$10,000
- Accessibility 0/10,000

Professional Grants Distribution:

September (August funding Round)

- 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 (MSEGA)
 - Voting:
 - approved with revisions =3
 - approved as is = 1
 - Recommended revisions were to include links to items purchased & revise the request for a \$400 coat rack
 - Revision completed by MSEGSA
 - 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)**

October (September funding round)

Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.

1. Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
2. Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500- 50% spent.
3. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023.
Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00
 - a. NOTE: Financial Aid has communicated they would like to “streamline” the child care grant by dissolving their review of applicants financial aid. Dissolving the financial aids involvement in the process would dissolve the grant.
4. Professional-19% spent \$5,975.87/ \$30,570.00
5. GSOGA- 18% spent \$7,360.00/ \$40,000.00
6. Symposium -17.37% spent /\$11,500
7. Travel- 29.01% spent \$18750/ \$63,630.00
 - a. (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$10,200/\$45,000.00; 24.22% spent)
8. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023.
Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00
9. Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
 - a. Monthly Voting Outcomes: September Round: All eligible applications awarded
 - i. Professional Grant
 1. 8 applications received, 4 ineligible
 - a. 4 applications reviewed, 4 applications funded
 - i. 1 \$450.00
 - ii. .90 \$673.20
 - iii. .85 \$457.30
 - iv. .65 \$394.55
 - v. **TOTAL \$1975.55**
 - ii. Symposium Grant:
 1. 1 applications
 - a. 1 applications reviewed, 1 applications funded
 - i. 1 \$2000.00
 - ii. **TOTAL: \$2000.00**
 - iii. Travel Grant
 1. 39 applications received, 32 eligible
 - a. 32 applications reviewed, 32 funded
 - i. Tier 1: 7 x \$750.00
 - ii. Tier 2: 7 x \$500
 - iii. Tier 3: 13 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - iv. **Total: \$8750 (PGSG) \$3900 (GS)**

November (October funding round)

1. Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
2. Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.

3. Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500- 50% spent.
4. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023. Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00
 - a. NOTE: Financial Aid has communicated they would like to “streamline” the child care grant by dissolving their review of applicant's financial aid. Dissolving the financial aid involvement in the process would dissolve the grant.
 - b. I have been working with our advisor to find the legislation, the division of financial aid and the legal department’s rationale for not allowing GRAC to review childcare grants.
 - i. UPDATE: Financial Aid does not have original documentation and suggests the financial need component be removed from the grant- Thus suggesting we remove the criteria on which the grant has been built and operated with.
5. Professional-35% spent \$10,719=/ \$30,570.00
6. GSOGA- 32% spent \$12,869/ \$40,000.00
7. Symposium -17.37% spent /\$11,500
8. Travel- 34.04% spent \$22,000/ \$63,630.00
 - a. (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$14400/\$45,000.00; 32% spent)
9. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023. Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00; 37% spent
10. Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
 - a. Monthly Voting Outcomes: September Round: All eligible applications awarded
 - i. Professional Grant
 1. 13 applications received, 5 ineligible
 - a. 8 applications were reviewed, 8 applications funded

i.	1	\$750
ii.	.94	\$711.03
iii.	.92	\$599.62
iv.	.90	450.97
v.	.89	\$670.62
vi.	.88	\$661.11
vii.	.83	\$623.62
viii.	.50	\$279.00
ix.	TOTAL	\$4745.96
 - ii. Travel Grant
 1. 24 applications received, 20 eligible
 - a. 20 applications reviewed, 17 funded
 - i. Tier 1: 3 x \$750.00
 - ii. Tier 2: 4 x \$500
 - iii. Tier 3: 10 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - iv. **Total: \$3250 (PGSG) \$3500 (GS)**
 - iii. GSOGA
 1. 5 applications were received, 5 eligible

a. 5 applications reviewed, 5 applications funded

i.	1	\$1028
ii.	.65	\$975
iii.	.60	\$884
iv.	.65	\$975
v.	.5	\$750
vi.	Total:	\$4612

iv. Symposium n/a

December (November round)

1. Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
2. Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
3. Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500- 50% spent.
4. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023.
Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00
 - a. NOTE: Financial Aid has communicated they would like to “streamline” the child care grant by dissolving their review of applicant's financial aid. Dissolving the financial aid involvement in the process would dissolve the grant.
 - b. I have been working with our advisor to find the legislation, the division of financial aid and the legal department’s rationale for not allowing GRAC to review childcare grants.
 - i. UPDATE: Financial Aid does not have original documentation and suggests the financial need component be removed from the grant- Thus suggesting we remove the criteria on which the grant has been built and operated with.
5. Professional-35% spent \$10,719=/ \$30,570.00
6. GSOGA- 30% spent \$11,972/ \$40,000.00
7. Symposium -17.37% spent /\$11,500
8. Travel- 34.04% spent \$22,000/ \$63,630.00
 - a. (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$14400/\$45,000.00; 32% spent)
9. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023.
Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00; 37% spent
10. Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
 - a. Monthly Voting Outcomes: October Round: All eligible applications awarded
 - i. Professional Grant
 1. 13 applications received, 5 ineligible
 - a. 8 applications were reviewed, 8 applications funded

i.	1	\$750
ii.	.94	\$711.03
iii.	.92	\$599.62
iv.	.90	450.97
v.	.89	\$670.62
vi.	.88	\$661.11
vii.	.83	\$623.62

- viii. .50 \$279.00
- ix. **TOTAL \$4745.96**
- ii. Travel Grant
 - 1. 16 applications received, 16 eligible
 - a. 16 applications reviewed, 16 funded
 - i. Tier 1: 3 x \$750.00
 - ii. Tier 2: 4 x \$500
 - iii. Tier 3: 10 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - iv. **Total: \$3250 (PGSG) \$3500 (GS)**
- iii. GSOGA
 - 1. 5 applications were received, 5 eligible
 - a. 5 applications reviewed, 5 applications funded
 - i. 1 \$1499
 - ii. 1 \$570
 - iii. .60 \$884
 - iv. .65 \$975
 - v. .5 \$750
 - vi. **Total: \$4612**
- iv. Symposium n/a

January (Dec round)

- Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
- Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
- Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500- 50% spent.
- Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023. Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00; 37% spent - **DISCONTINUED**
 - Per my prior announcement, DFA decided to “streamline” their workload and no longer review childcare grants. Due to the financial need component, GARC can not review the Grants. GRAC voted on team night, and the remaining childcare funds have been dissolved, 25K is being reallocated amongst professional, travel, and potentially transitional housing.
 - i. We will vote on the reallocations in February.
 - ii. **Please note, that if you have anyone interested in the former childcare grant, they should contact Scholarship DFA at scholarshipdfa@purdue.edu and inquire about the [Grad Parent Support Program](#) as this scholarship program is used to support graduate students and is not advertised**
 - iii. Another option is the [Patty Jischke “Kids are the Future” Endowment scholarship](#)
- GRAC has expressed interest in increasing Travel award amounts, to account for inflation
- Professional- 56.26%% spent \$17,199.20/ \$30,570.00
- GSOGA- 40% spent \$16.021/ \$40,000.00

- Symposium -60% spent \$6,900 /\$11,500
- Travel- 42.26% spent \$29,250/ \$63,630.00
 - (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$18,900/\$45,000.00; 42% spent)
- Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
 - Monthly Voting Outcomes: November Round: All but two eligible applications awarded
 - i. Professional Grant
 - 1. 14 applications received, 7 ineligible (amount requested \$5,087.92)
 - a. 7 applications were reviewed, 5 applications funded
 - i. .97 \$772.03
 - ii. .91 \$683.12
 - iii. .85 \$636.50
 - iv. .82 \$491.18
 - v. .61 \$457.21
 - vi. .0 \$0
 - vii. .0 \$0
 - viii. **TOTAL \$2996.04**
 - ii. Travel Grant
 - 1. 30 applications received, 22 eligible
 - a. 22 applications reviewed, 14 funded
 - i. Tier 1: 3 x \$750.00
 - ii. Tier 2: 4 x \$500.00
 - iii. Tier 3: 8 x \$250 (with a \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - iv. **Total: \$3750 (PGSG) \$2400 (GS)**
 - iii. GSOGA
 - 1. N/A
 - iv. Symposium
 - 1. 1 applications were received, 1 eligible
 - a. 1 application reviewed, 1 application funded
 - i. 1 \$2000.00
 - ii. **Total: \$2000.00**

February (Jan round)

- Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
- Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
- Graduate Student Equipment 31% spent
 - Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500
 - Spring- \$332.51/ \$2,500
- Professional-54% spent 21,935.24/ \$40,570.00
- GSOGA- 48% spent \$19,001/ \$40,000.00
- Symposium -60% spent \$6900/\$11,500
- Travel- 48.17%% spent \$35,950/ \$74,630.00

- (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$22,500/\$45,000.00; 50% spent)
- Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
 - Monthly Voting January Round: All eligible applications awarded
 - Professional Grant
 - 17 applications received, 7 ineligible
 - 7 applications reviewed, 7 applications funded
 - 1 \$750.00
 - 1 \$750.00
 - 1 \$750.00
 - .92 \$689.86
 - .83 \$662.01
 - .82 \$578.79
 - .80 \$600
 - **TOTAL \$4736.90**
 - GSOGA
 - 2 applications
 - 2 applications reviewed, 2 applications funded
 - 1 \$1490
 - 1 \$1490
 - **TOTAL: \$2980**
 - Travel Grant
 - X applications received, 54 eligible
 - 54 applications reviewed, 32 funded
 - Tier 1: 5 x \$750.00
 - Tier 2: 11 x \$500
 - Tier 3: 16 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - **Total: \$8500 (PGSG) \$4800 (GS)**

March (Feb round)

- Professional Grant
 - 27 applications received, 16 ineligible
 - 7 applications reviewed, 7 applications funded
 - 1 \$750.00
 - .95 \$759.14
 - .94 \$645.70
 - .90 \$400.05
 - .80 \$521.68
 - .76 \$567.81
 - .73 \$550.01
 - .69 \$342.55
 - .61 \$365.53
 - .59 \$441.20

- .51 \$380.12
 - .49 \$256.86
 - .49 \$309.29
 - 0 0
 - 0 0
 - **TOTAL \$6500**
 - GSOGA
 - 8 applications, 4 eligible
 - 4 applications reviewed, 4 applications funded
 - 1 \$1500
 - 1 \$1500
 - 1 \$1500
 - 1 \$1500
 - **TOTAL: \$6000**
 - Travel Grant
 - X applications received, 40 eligible
 - 40 applications reviewed, 22 funded
 - Tier 1: 5 x \$750.00
 - Tier 2: 6 x \$500
 - Tier 3: 12 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - **Total: \$10300 (PGSG) \$3600 (GS)**

April (March round)

- Monthly Voting January Round: All eligible applications awarded
 - Professional Grant
 - 17 applications received, 7 ineligible
 - 7 applications reviewed, 7 applications funded
 - 1 \$750.00
 - 1 \$750.00
 - 1 \$750.00
 - .92 \$689.86
 - .83 \$662.01
 - .82 \$578.79
 - .80 \$600
 - **TOTAL \$4736.90**
 - GSOGA
 - 2 applications
 - 2 applications reviewed, 2 applications funded
 - 1 \$1490
 - 1 \$1490
 - **TOTAL: \$2980**
 - Travel Grant

- X applications received, 40 eligible
 - 40 applications reviewed, 22 funded
 - Tier 1: 5 x \$750.00
 - Tier 2: 6 x \$500
 - Tier 3: 12 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - **Total: \$10300 (PGSG) \$3600 (GS)**

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2023-2024 Life Team Chair Report

By Michael Zimmerman

Fall Semester

1. Welcome Social (August)
 - a. Over 250 people attended.
 - b. At Lafayette Brewing Company
2. RedZone Tailgate and football ticket giveaway (September)
 - a. Collaboration with Diversity Team
 - b. ~ 50 tickets were given away for a home Purdue football game.
3. Fall Picnic (October)
 - a. Great turnout, ~280 graduate students attended despite the rain.
4. Coffee Corner (October)
 - a. ~200 people came and got a drink/food from Greyhouse Coffee Shop
5. Movie Night (October)
 - a. Killers of the Flower Moon
 - b. ~150 tickets given away.
6. Coffee Corner (December)

Spring Semester

1. Graduate Student Social (January)
 - a. ~250 people attended, again at Lafayette Brewing Co.
2. Ice Skating Event
 - a. 60 people attended and we paid for the skate rentals and reserved out the ice-skating rink.
 - b. Over 110 people ended up coming.
3. Movie Night (March)
 - a. Dune pt. 2, opening weekend.
 - b. 240 spots available and handed out within 15 minutes on a first come, first served basis.
4. Coffee Corner (March)
5. Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - a. Coffee Corner (Monday)
 - b. Movie Night (Tuesday)
 - c. Grab and Go luncheon (Wednesday)
 - d. All Fired Up! Pottery Painting (Wednesday)
 - e. Snack Pack giveaway (Thursday)
 - f. Game Night (Thursday)
 - g. Spring Picnic (Friday)

2023-2024 Legislative Review Committee Officer Report

By Andrew Mitchel, Parliamentarian

Introduction

Every two (2) years the Legislative Review Committee is required by the Bylaws (III.C.3.e) to “perform a formal review on the Constitution and Bylaws... which shall be reported to the Senate with recommendations.” As this report was not issued last year, it must be completed this year. The following is the required report as well as the annual report from the Legislative Review Committee as requested by the President for inclusion in the PGSG annual report.

Methodology

Among other things, the LRC established a code of operations (CoO) to guide the committee on matters not outlined in the governing documents. One of the matters that is addressed is the governing document review for which it states;

1. In the fall semester of odd numbered years, the LRC must begin a review of the PGSG Governing Documents
 - a. This must include the Constitution, Bylaws, Financial Code of Operations, and all relevant Appendices
2. The LRC must take into consideration the comments of PGSG during the review
 - a. The Chair of the LRC must solicit comments from the Executive Board to be received by the LRC no later than the end of the Fall semester
 - b. The LRC must put out a call to the PGSS for comments no later than the first meeting following the PGSS Retreat
 - c. The LRC must create a list of their own comments to be delivered to the Senate before the end of the Fall semester
 - d. These comments should focus on areas in need of changes as well as suggested changes to address concerns and operational shifts that have arisen since the last review
3. The LRC must prepare a report in which all of the received comments are addressed either by proposed amendments or justification for maintaining the status quo
 - a. This report must be delivered to the PGSS before the conclusion of the Spring semester
 - b. The format of this report is at the discretion of the LRC
4. Amendments resulting from this review may be presented separately, as a single amendment, or as any number of amendments divided as the LRC deems appropriate

- a. Amendments may be presented at any time during the review process so as to not bog down the Senate with a sudden influx of legislation
- b. Any amendment authored by the LRC during the review should be in response to some comment received in accordance with the previous sections

Given that the CoO was ratified part way through the Fall semester, not all timelines were met exactly. However, the Parliamentarian requested comments from the executive board and received none. The Parliamentarian also provided a form to senators to provide feedback (included in PGSS minutes and shown as a QR code during a meeting). This form received no responses. As a result, all comments originated from the Parliamentarian or the LRC except for several informal conversations that will be noted below.

Review:

The review will be broken into three sections; Pending, Passed, and Failed encompassing all pieces of legislation drafted as part of the review of governing documents. The LRC addressed all legislation submitted and so pending refers to legislation that the PGSS did not have time to address. In some cases the LRC recommends that these pieces be reintroduced in the following year for proper consideration. Such recommendations will be noted for each piece of legislation.

Pending:

This report comes before the final session of PGSS for the year. As such some of these pieces may have been passed or failed. Please refer to PGSS minutes to ensure the validity of this report after the final PGSS session. If the president permits the Parliamentarian intends to update this section following the final PGSS session to be fully accurate, but if this statement is still here then that didn't happen.

SP24-B005 - *“To Update the Election Order of PGSSG Executive Officers” (for Vote)*

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240307_06_SP24_B005.docx](#)

Rationale: Bylaws IV.B.3.e sets the order of elections which is mirrored here. If this is not adopted then these elections must still be held in this order, but are significantly more confusing.

Recommendation: First, add Chief of Staff to this piece (may be done by amendment as this is pending). COS should be elected following the president as required by Constitution III.2.E. A bylaws amendment to reflect that COS is elected second (rather than Senate Chair) should also be authored next year (this was only noted as an issue when elections were held, too late to write and introduce a new bill).

Reintroduce?: Yes, with a companion bylaws amendment (still needs to be written) mainly to make the election process more clear.

SP24-B007 - *“To Update the Title of VP for Operations to Chief of Staff in the PGSSG Bylaws”*

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240307_04_SP24_B007.docx](#)

Rationale: VP of Operations is not a position that exists in the constitution and it appears that it was replaced by Chief of Staff.

Recommendation: This piece should be simple and straightforward. It needs no other changes.

Reintroduce?: Yes, this should be a quick one because of its simplicity.

SP24-B008 - “To Reflect the Restructuring and Renaming of the Graduate School”

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240307_08_SP24_B008.docx](#)

Rationale: The University Senate voted to restructure the Graduate School and move it to be under the Office of the Provost (Senate Document 23-42). As such the name changed and this needs to be reflected in the PGSG governing documents. During initial discussion the president clarified that a majority of PGSG’s oversight is not from the Student Life office rather than the Graduate School and make an amendment to change this where appropriate.

Recommendation: This piece should be simple and straightforward now that the President has provided insight on how the organization is structured within the university. a trigger clause may still be desired to make this change coincide with the official renaming of the Graduate School.

Reintroduce?: Yes; check on official implementation of the restructure before reintroducing and ensure that it is still accurate and necessary. Sections regarding Student life can be reintroduced regardless of Graduate School restructuring.

SP24-B006 - “To Update the Title of President Pro Tempore to Senate Chair in the PGSG Bylaws”

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240307_05_SP24_B006.docx](#)

Rationale: For several years the Pres. Pro Temp. has not been elected or utilized. The LAO indicated that the Senate Chair used to be called the Pres. Pro Temp. and the Parliamentarian agreed that this change would mostly make sense and be the simplest way to eliminate the unused position.

Recommendation: This piece has a major amendment drafted which would be needed to make the transition seamless. Aside from that it is good to go.
[20240307_05_SP24_B00X_PresProTemAmendment.docx](#)

Reintroduce?: Yes, use the above linked amended version. This should be another quick one.

SP24-B010 - “Mandating that all PGSG minutes be made public excepting executive sessions and updating the constitution appropriately”

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240307_15_SP24_B010.docx](#)

Rationale: Transparency is important in government and releasing minutes is part of that transparency. No minutes for executive sessions have been released up to this point and this legislation seeks to make these minutes public as they are not part of an executive session (the only instance that allows minutes to be approved and remain confidential).

Recommendation: Good to go as is. Given that this deals mostly with the Executive Board, the Senate will likely be willing to pass it with just a few clarifying questions.

Reintroduce?: Yes; hold the organization accountable and release minutes (including those from past years).

SP24-B012 - “Amending the Financial Code of Operations to provide equity in PGSG member incentives”

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240307_13_SP24_B012.docx](#)

Rationale: BOSO will not allow any more of the budget to be allocated to officer payments. They will, however, allow the organization to redistribute the amounts if we want. This legislation divides leadership into tiers and reallocates funds (mostly away from the president) to provide more incentive for people to run for the positions.

Recommendation: This will be a long discussion to reach a point that all senators agree on. The important part is that the sum of all payments must not change. BOSO will approve a deduction, but the organization will never be able to increase the amount again and any increase will be denied by BOSO.

Reintroduce?: Not strictly needed. Reintroduce this at your own risk, it will be a long discussion about equity and effort and comparing different positions.

SP24-B015 - “Constitutional Amendment To Better Divide Legislative and Executive Powers in Teams and Committees”

Origin: Comment from the senator from chemistry requesting better division of powers

Link: [20240307_10_SP24_B015.docx](#)

Rationale: This is a beastly piece of legislation. The main goals are to unify teams and committees (make them all committees, but don’t change how they function). The legislation then goes a step further and separates legislative and executive leadership. Legislative leaders do not get a vote on executive committees and vice versa. This reduces the Executive Committee to just 6 voting members but keeps all current legislative members as non-voting to maintain a voice in the space.

Recommendation: This is a long piece of legislation and needs to be understood. This will take time and makes the bulk of discussion just explanation. There are pros and cons to dividing powers this way and if the senate doesn’t want to give up votes on the Executive Board (via Team and Committee Chairs) then this might not be the right way to go. Regardless, the mentions of teams should all be removed from governing document because functionally they are not different from committees (the name of the various committees can still be Life/Career/Diversity/Community Team to avoid confusion and reaffirm that functionally nothing changes)

Reintroduce?: Yes; reach out to the past parliamentarian if you would like to reintroduce this to help with explanation and justification. (LRC knew there wouldn't be time to pass this through PGSS but getting this far leaves a better record for it to be reintroduced). Needs an amendment to account for FA23-B005.

SP24-B016 - “Bylaws Amendment To Better Divide Legislative and Executive Powers in Teams and Committees”

Origin: Comment from the senator from chemistry requesting better division of powers

Link: [20240307_12_SP24_B016.docx](#)

Rationale: Same as above. This also eliminates the Appendix because most of those documents have been lost over the years and the Appendix is generally a bad idea unless the documents are actually included in the file.

Recommendation: Same as SP24-B015

Reintroduce?: Same as SP24-B015

Passed:

FA23-B003 - “Establishment of the Purdue Graduate Student Government Diversity Team”

Origin: Diversity Officer

Link: [20230912_02_FA23-B003.docx](#)

Rationale: Diversity is a key part of making all feel welcome and there is a lot of diversity among graduate students. A committee will enable better programming and networking to take place.

Recommendation: Reassess the statement of purpose occasionally and nail down a Code of Operations for the Committee

FA23-B005 - “Executive Board Voting Clarification”

Origin: LRC

Link: [20231027_09_FA23-B005.docx](#)

Rationale: Some Executive Board members serve as both an officer and a team chair, both of which are granted a vote. While Roberts Rules of Order makes it clear that these individuals may vote only once on each piece of business, this makes that fact clear and goes further to provide a vote for the LRC on the Executive Board via the Vice Chair (previously represented by the Parliamentarian who cannot vote because they are appointed and not elected)

Recommendation: This becomes a moot point if the organization is restructured.

SP24-B001 - “To Update the Title of VP of PR to PRO in the PGSG Constitution”

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240117_SP24-B001.docx](#)

Rationale: VP of PR is not a position that exists in the Bylaws or FCO and it appears that it was replaced by the Public Relations Officer (PRO).

Recommendation: Continue fixing outdated info like this. It makes good practice legislation early in the year.

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

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240117_SP24-B002.docx](#)

Rationale: With current wording team chairs are removed from their senator position once elected chair. Based on the operation of the organization this does not seem intentional. Most chairs start as senators and get involved in a team/committee from there, so they can be some of the most active senators and are a resource for the legislative branch.

Recommendation; Look into better division of powers. This legislation prompted the more indepth restructuring legislation in the pending section.

SP24-B003 - *“To Amend the Constitution Concerning the Establishment of Senate Meeting Dates”*

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240117_SP24-B003.docx](#)

Rationale: Prior to this the Senate Chair had no say in the dates set for the meetings that they are required to lead. This could lead to problematic conflicts, so the Senate Chair should be allowed to have input on when PGSS meetings are held.

Recommendation: Ensure that the Senate Chair is taking responsibility for this and that the President is taking them into consideration. Stronger language may be needed if conflicts arise.

Failed

No legislation relevant to the review was failed.

Other Legislation

This legislation is not relevant to the mandatory review, but provides a concise list of all other LRC activities from the year.

Pending

SP24-R003 - *“Holiday/Winter Pay Contingent to Position(s) Revision”*

Origin: Introduced Previous Year

Link: [20231206_03_SP24_R003.docx](#)

SP24-B011 - *“Bill to Empower GRAC Oversight on Grant Policies”*

Origin: GRAC Chair

Link: [20240304_02_SP24-B011.docx](#)

SP24-B013 - *“Funding the Small Research Grant”*

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240401_1_SP24-B013.docx](#)

SP24-B014 - *“Amendments to the Financial Code of Operations”*

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240401_2_SP24-B014.docx](#)

SP24-R004 - *“Resolution Establishing the Small Research Grant”*

Origin: LRC

Link: [20240401_3_SP24-R004.docx](#)

Passed

FA23-R001 - *“Resolution establishing the recognition of Juneteenth on the Purdue University Academic Calendar”*
[20230913_06_FA23-R001.docx](#)

FA23-B001 - *“Establishing a Graduate Student Shuttle Voucher Program”*
[20230912_01_FA23-B001.docx](#)

FA23-B002 - *“Emergency Bill to Provision of Financial Support for Gaza”*
[20231018_08_FA23-B002.docx](#)

FA23-B004 - *“Amendment to FY 2023-24 Budget”*
[20231010_07_FA23-B004.docx](#)

FA23-R002 - *“Resolution Empowering Graduate staff to use or be compensated for vacation time”*
[20231023_08_FA23-R002.docx](#)

FA23-R004 - *“Resolution Adding Mental Health Action Week to the Purdue University Academic Calendar”*
[20231124_11_FA23-R004.docx](#)

SP24-R002 - *“Resolution opposing Indiana Senate Bill 202”*
[20240221_SP24-R002.docx](#)

SP24-B009 - *“Bill to Amend Policies of the Transitional Housing Grant”*
[20240304_01_SP24-B009.docx](#)

Failed

SP24-R001 - *“Resolution on Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions at Purdue University”*
[20240115_SP24-R001.docx](#)

Conclusion

For the next LRC and Parliamentarian, it is still advisable to continue reviewing the governing documents and making improvements. A few tips:

- Keep in mind that legislation will pile up at the end of the year as committee members get more comfortable with writing it.
- Ask before legislating; it will burn fewer bridges, speed implementation, and allow for more pressing matters to be the focus.
- If there was one good way to do something then we would probably have found it by now. No solution will be perfect and people will value fixing different aspects of the same problem. This can make discussion long and legislation contentious, but remember to keep an open mind and compromise/amend when possible.

Recommendations for future work: More work needs to be done on the FCO and currently the LRC is the only committee with a known CoO, so these are both good things to focus on between constitution and bylaw review years. There will also be a budget for the LRC for the first time in several years. It is recommended that this be used to host events to educate senators on Roberts Rules of Order, legislation writing workshops, or resources to help committee members and senators better navigate parliamentary procedure.

2023-2024 Public Relations Officer Report

By Rajni Sah

The PR committee took charge of effectively communicating information about PGSG events, announcements, initiatives, and general graduate student affairs. This involved managing PGSG social media accounts and a weekly newsletter, ensuring regular updates reached the graduate student community. Additionally, special edition newsletters were crafted for flagship events, GRAC grants, and important announcements based on need.

Responsibilities extended to maintaining the PGSG website, updating it with event details, contact information, and senate documents throughout the year. Active engagement on social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn was sustained through posts and stories highlighting ongoing and upcoming events across the graduate school.

To streamline communication, domain-based emails were established and distributed among PGSG executive members, senators, team chairs, and vice-chairs. Assistance was provided to members in setting up these emails on their respective clients.

Design tasks included creating event flyers, RSVP forms, and webpages as per specific requests. Registration forms for services like On-demand cab and IND-ORD shuttle were developed and shared on the website for convenience.

Beyond regular publicity efforts, the PR committee organized a "Lunch date with PGSG" event on February 14th, where roses, food, and desserts were shared to express PGSG's appreciation and support for the graduate student body. The event saw a turnout of over 300 students who enjoyed networking with their peers.

Training sessions were conducted to enhance skills relevant to the committee's tasks. This included a video editing session in November 2023 to familiarize team members with CapCut software for editing promotional videos, as well as a newsletter training session to introduce vice-PROs to Delivra software for newsletter management.

Proactive efforts were made to collaborate with Purdue Exponent and Purdue Today for wider publicity of PGSG events, ensuring greater visibility and participation from the university community.

2023-2024 Treasurer's Report

By Shuanning Li

PGSG account

August 1st – 31st 2023

Beginning balance (\$): 38,520.5

Payments (\$): 3,636.77

Credits/Deposits (\$): 8,028

Debits (\$): 359

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): 207,634

Ending balance (\$): 173,145.46

September 1st – 30th 2023

Beginning balance (\$): 173,145.46

Payments (\$): 1,864.8

Credits/Deposits (\$): 0

Debits (\$): 1,561.22

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): 0

Ending balance (\$): 169,719.44

October 1st – 31st 2023

Beginning balance (\$): 169,719.44

Payments (\$): 9,094.02

Credits/Deposits (\$): 3,750

Debits (\$): 1,480.98

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): -101.98

Ending balance (\$): 162,792.46

November 1st – 30th 2023

Beginning balance (\$): 161,728.85

Payments (\$): 7,752

Credits/Deposits (\$): 52.75

Debits (\$): 4,283.79

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): -1.32

Ending balance(\$): 149,744.49

December 1st – 31st 2023

Beginning balance (\$): 149,650.43

Payments (\$): 1,039.43

Credits/Deposits (\$):161.25

Debits (\$): 8,038.43

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): -4.94

Ending balance(\$): 140,728.88

January 1st – 31st 2024

Beginning balance (\$): 140,728.88

Payments (\$): 6,166.01

Credits/Deposits (\$):0

Debits (\$):506.72

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): 62.95

Ending balance(\$): 134,119.1

February 1st – 29th 2024

Beginning balance (\$): 134,213.16

Payments (\$): 1,285.21

Credits/Deposits (\$):10,000

Debits (\$):9,399.8

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): -100

Ending balance (\$): 133,428.15

March 1st – 31st 2024

Beginning balance (\$): 128,820.89

Payments (\$): 8,470.44

Credits/Deposits (\$):750

Debits (\$):23,848.69

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): -370

Ending balance (\$): 96,881.76

April 1st – 30th 2024 – still processing.

Beginning balance (\$): 96,881.76

Payments (\$): 11,762.88

Credits/Deposits (\$):0

Debits (\$):0

Transfer out (-)/ transfer in (+) (\$): -400.16

Ending balance (\$): 83,718.22

2023-2024 Legislative Affairs Officer Report

Alex Seto

Throughout my term as Legislative Affairs Officer (LAO) I've continued to advocate for graduate students through multiple channels.

Legislative Advocacy

On multiple occasions, I've met with the offices of both of our Senators, Todd Young and Mike Braun, as well as our Representative, Jim Baird, in an effort to advocate for graduate students at the national level.

My advocacy heavily emphasized three key areas: addressing graduate student wellbeing, supporting international graduate students, and the financial burden faced by graduate students.

It's no surprise to any of us that the mental health of graduate students is in dire straits. Graduate students are significantly more likely to have mental health problems than the general population. My efforts here focused on ensuring graduate students are properly represented in legislation related to high-ed data (e.g. the College Transparency Act), as well as in legislation regarding mentorship practices, and combating sexual harassment.

In addition to the standard perils of post-tertiary education, international graduate students face further barriers, particularly around visa requirements and restrictions. My efforts were aimed at reducing barriers for international graduate students.

Finally, graduate school imposes a financial burden that may necessitate student loans. Grad students make up 19% of borrowers but 47% of the loan amount (2024).

Here, I advocated for expanding existing loan programs to encompass graduate students, as well as other high-ed finance reform topics.

Many of those on the Hill are unaware of how different grad school can be. Most will only have undergrad or a professional degree as a frame of reference. When advocating, I've attempted to impress what the grad student experience looks like.

NAGPS

For the past several years I've been involved with the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS). NAGPS is a coalition of graduate governments across the country working together to advance graduate student causes. Through the collaboration with NAGPS, I am better informed of effective strategies for advocacy.

Other

I've also collaborated with several campus organizations on how they can advocate more effectively and improve their representation.

2023-2024 Chief of Staff Report

By Oluwatosin Benjamin Fakunle

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024

- Organized and coordinated all monthly Teams Night meeting (October 2023 to April 2024);
 - made provisions for food, attendance, drinks, and venues.
- Recruited new members (graduate students) to all the PGSG Teams.
- Reshuffled the PGSG team list to active members only.
- Conducted orientation for the new members
- Organized team-bonding event for the E-board
- Conducted two appreciation events (Fall 2023 & Spring 2024) for team members
 - Coordinated and produced certificate of appreciation to team members (first of its kind) to appreciate the members for their diligence and commitment to PGSG
 - Provided Food
 - Provided Appreciation Item (PGSG Branded Shirt)
 - Decided, computed and placed item request for Freckles for team night appreciation
 - Submitted and followed up on the APF for the event.
- Grant Review and Allocation Committee
 - Submitted APF on behalf of GRAC chair for GRAC pre workshop meeting & dinner
 - Settled miscommunication/misunderstanding among E-board (GRAC Chair & PRO); Organized a round-table discussion to settle the misunderstanding and miscommunication between the GRAC chair and PRO
- Received resignation from Career Team Chair
- Responded to emails making enquiries about PGSG in a timely manner
- Attended all E-board & senate meetings
- Acted as ‘interim treasurer on the resignation of the treasurer
 - Participated in treasurer certification training
 - Attended meeting to discuss election for the vacant treasurer position
 - Attended meeting with the provost on financial aid and legal grants for PGSG
- Career Team

- Acted as PGSG Career Team Chair
- Chaired Career team meeting since the chair of the team resigned
- Coordinated election for the team new Chair, Vice, and Recorder to keep the team active and running again.
- Resuscitated and Coordinated the Career team meeting and now it's a functioning team with more than 15 active members.
- Community Team
 - Attended Community team Events- Halloween night etc.
 - I attended the Mental Health Awareness Week program and supported as required.
- Life Team
 - Attended Life Team events:
 - a. Fall picnic
 - b. Coffee Corner.
 - c. Movie Night.
 - d. Grad Student Socials
 - Requested parking pass for Life team Vice Chair.
- External
 - Met with Purdue University president (Mung Chiang) and discussed issues pertaining to the graduate students such as (housing, transportation)
 - Attended a vigil organized for a grad student
 - Represented the PGSG at the old masters dinner.
- Purdue Graduate Student Government Senate
 - Followed up with senators assigned to teams.
 - Sorted names of PGSG senators not yet on a team and assigned them to a team.
 - Attended all senate meeting as part of my constitutional duty
 - To support the diversity committee (now diversity team) legislation to be upgraded from being a committee to a team.
 - Picked up drinks with the senate chair for team nights and senate meetings.
- Ordered name tags for the COS and PRO and completed the order of name tag for parliamentarian.
- Worked with PRO to correct some anomalies in PGSG communication.

- Worked on the request of Jill to have an updated E-board list for PGSC.
- Coordinated election of PGSG team chairs, vice chairs and recorders for 2024 – 2025 academic year.

2023-2024 President's Report

By Somosmita Mitra, President

As President of the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) for the 2023-2024 academic year, I am proud to present the accomplishments and initiatives that our team successfully executed during this period. This year has been marked by significant movement in securing funding, enhancing student support services, and fostering a more inclusive and engaged graduate student community at Purdue University.

Securing and Allocating Grants for Graduate Student Support

One of the primary focuses of my presidency was to ensure that PGSG could effectively support graduate students through targeted financial assistance. Early in the year, I prioritized securing funding for critical programs, leading to the successful acquisition of \$25,000 for summer childcare grants. This funding, approved by former Dean Dr. Linda Mason, provided essential support for graduate students with families, enabling them to focus on their academic responsibilities without the burden of childcare expenses.

In addition to the childcare grants, I was instrumental in the establishment of two new grants: the Transitional Housing Grant and the Accessibility Grant. The Transitional Housing Grant, which received funding after extensive discussions with the Student Activities and Organizations (SAO) and Business Office for Student Organizations (BOSO), was designed to assist graduate students facing temporary housing challenges. This grant filled a significant gap in the existing support structure, ensuring that students experiencing transitions had the financial resources needed to secure stable housing.

The Accessibility Grant was another critical initiative introduced during my tenure. This grant aimed to support graduate students requiring accommodations to enhance their academic and campus experience. Although navigating the legal and administrative hurdles with SAO and BOSO required patience and persistence, the successful implementation of this grant underscored our commitment to inclusivity and equal opportunity for all graduate students. We are currently looking for a Vice Chair and are in the process of developing the forms.

Enhancing Campus Safety and Mobility

Another achievement of my presidency was the enhancement of campus safety and mobility through the After Hours Shuttle Service. Recognizing the need for safe transportation options for graduate students, particularly those working late or residing off-campus, I secured \$40,000 in funding from the Associate Provost of Graduate Programs to maintain and expand this service. The shuttle program provided reliable transportation during late hours, significantly improving the safety and convenience for graduate students across the campus.

Furthermore, I initiated discussions with Procurement Services to explore partnerships with CityBus and other shuttle service providers. Our goal was to create a sustainable and efficient

transportation network that would continue to serve graduate students' needs beyond the immediate academic year. Although some logistical challenges remain, the groundwork laid during this year positions PGSG to continue advocating for and improving graduate student mobility.

Addressing Budgetary Challenges and Financial Management

The financial health of PGSG was a significant concern as we entered the 2023-24 academic year, with the organization facing a substantial deficit. Our bank account was at an all-time low, with a negative balance of \$38,000. To address this, I worked closely with our Treasurer to reallocate funds and identify additional resources. We successfully transferred \$28,300 from the PGSG Surplus account to cover immediate operational needs and ensure the continuity of essential services and programs.

Despite these challenges, I was able to secure additional funding to support our initiatives. For example, additional funding to the effect of \$60k was brought into the PGSG to support our activities in 2023-24. I was able to allocate about \$10k in funding to MHAW in addition to their \$7k budget to make the events more successful.

Fostering Collaboration and Community Engagement

Collaboration was a key theme throughout my presidency, as I worked to strengthen relationships with various university stakeholders. I regularly met with the Acting Vice Provost of Graduate Programs, the Vice Provost for Student Life, Dean of Students, our Advisor (Associate Dean of Students), Board of Trustees representative, PSG President and CAPS to align our initiatives with broader university goals and to ensure that the voices of graduate students were heard at the highest levels.

Governance and Legislative Advocacy

As President, I took an active role in the legislative processes within PGSG. I worked closely with the Senate Chair to ensure that PGSG legislation was effectively communicated to the University Senate Steering Committee. This included advocating for the recognition of Juneteenth as an official university holiday, a significant step toward acknowledging and celebrating diversity on campus. Additionally, I supported the creation and implementation of new grants, including the Transitional Housing and Accessibility grants, which provided critical resources for students in need.

Conclusion and Looking Forward

The 2023-2024 academic year was one of significant achievement and growth for PGSG. Despite financial challenges, we were able to secure critical funding, implement new support programs, and strengthen our advocacy efforts on behalf of the graduate student community. As I conclude my first term as President, I am confident that the initiatives and foundations we have established will continue to benefit Purdue graduate students for years to come. It has been an honor to serve as your President, and I look forward to seeing how PGSG will continue to evolve and advocate for the needs of our vibrant and diverse graduate student body.

2023-2024 Officers' Report

By Somosmita Mitra, President

August Report

President - Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

Dear Elected Senators of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate,

Warm greetings and a heartfelt welcome to the new term! We are thrilled to have such a dedicated and passionate team of individuals ready to serve the graduate student community at Purdue. As the Executive Board (E-Board) of the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG), we understand the importance of effective communication and transparency. Officer reports will be the cornerstone of our communication, allowing us to share our actions, decisions, and responsibilities throughout the term. Our main goal is to report back to you – the graduate students – on what we accomplish, ensuring that every step we take reflects your best interests. We encourage an open environment where everyone can ask questions and seek clarification, fostering collaboration and unity to make this term a resounding success. Together, we will create a stronger, more vibrant graduate student community at Purdue University.

Thank you for accepting the responsibility to serve, and I look forward to working closely with each of you as we embark on this exciting journey together.

With that in mind, here goes my report for August:

- Beginning this year, PGSG and PGSC have been moved to Student Life.
- Our new advisor is Associate Dean of Students- Jeff Stefancic.
- Met with:
 - Graduate School Cabinet to share goals and plans for PGSG:
 - Requested funding for \$25k for Childcare grants over Summer 2023:
 - Former Dean, Dr. Linda Mason, approved. Funding secured.
 - The Acting Provost for Graduate Studies:
 - To seek funding for the After Hours Shuttle Service in Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.
 - Received \$40k in approval from the Associate Provost of Graduate Programs to spend on this.
 - In talks with Procurement services to either get CityBus to run these routes or contract out to a different shuttle service provider.
 - To seek funding for Writfull for everyone at Purdue.
 - Approved for purchase and is currently being handled by Procurement services.

- Funding specific PGSG initiatives through Purdue Special Projects.
 - In process.
- Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students to share goals and plans for PGSG.
 - This meeting led to Dean Stefancic joining PGSG as our Advisor.
- Dean of Students to understand the situation surrounding Purdue missing graduate student Anik Paul.
 - Worked with PRO and Advisor to release a statement from PGSG.
- SAO/BOSO:
 - Rework the budget for 2023-24.
 - Discussed the two grants passed by the PGSS in 22-23:
 - Transitional Housing Grant
 - SAO/BOSO in talks with Legal.
 - Requested our advisor to help with the process.
 - Accessibility Grant
 - SAO/BOSO in talks with Legal.
 - Requested our advisor to help with the process.
 - PGSG bank account is at an all time low of \$-38k. To make up for that:
 - Worked with PGSG Treasurer to use 28.3k from the PGSG Surplus account.
 - Approved.
 - Submitted transfer request form for Senate Projects:
 - Should our budget exhaust our operational funds, then Senate projects up to \$10k can be funded from the PGSG Surplus account.
 - Rejected.
 - Working on changes.
 - Submitted transfer request form for GRAC:
 - 12k sought for the June round of decisions.
 - Approved.
- Purdue Student Trustee.
 - Discussed vision and plans for PGSG.
- PSG President:
 - To set up collaborations on raising the minimum wage.
 - To collaborate on the RedZone Tailgate organized by CARE.
 - To figure out common graduate student and undergraduate student needs and concerns to set up a working agenda for 2023-24.
- International Student Services:

- To work on collaborations with the Career Team for workshops catering to International Student needs.
 - To figure out the details surrounding the Immigration Lawyer interactions held in the past with collaboration with PSG.
- University Senate:
 - Attended Senate Orientation.
 - Met with Senate Leadership to discuss vision and strategy for the year.
 - Discussed strategies to speed up PGSS legislation going to the University Senate Steering Committee.
- Worked with the Graduate School to host the New Graduate Student Orientation.
 - Moderated the Graduate Student Panel.
 - Tabled at the Resource Fair.
 - Co-ordinated and was the master of ceremony of the orientation.
- Conducted E-Board meetings:
 - July:
 - The Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) Executive Board Meeting was held to discuss a variety of issues and make plans for upcoming initiatives. The primary topics of discussion included an update on the PGSC video, schedule changes for the E-Board meeting, new initiatives for PGSG outreach, the CPR AED Certification Workshop, a significant cut in the budget, and other updates from the Treasurer, the Senate, Public Relations, and team chairs.
 - Under Old Business, updates were given on parking, the Writefull initiative, the After Hours Bus Shuttle service, and the housing situation for grad students. The Annual Report was also discussed, with data still required from finance and GRAC. The New Business segment brought up topics like the New Graduate Student Orientation (NGSO) on Aug 18th, the approval of the 2023-2024 calendar, new Listservs creation, planning of Tabling Events, appointment of a new Parliamentarian, the University Senate Committee representation, and the planned TownHall events.
 - August:
 - During the meeting, several teams within PGSG discussed updates and plans for Fall 2023. Topics included joint legislation about Juneteenth, potential amendments to the constitution, updates from various teams, and the decision to dissolve career fairs for the upcoming year. Other key points covered were event planning for different cultural festivals, concerns about funding and grants, and the continued pursuit of diversity and advocacy in student affairs.

- The meeting covered an extensive agenda, encompassing old business, new initiatives, collaboration opportunities, and many other aspects. Significant discussions were made on various matters like the annual report, collaborations, parliamentary appointments, fundraising efforts, logo usage, and workshops. The meeting concluded with well-defined action items to ensure that the PGSG's plans and initiatives are executed effectively. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM, marking the conclusion of an extensive agenda with numerous actionable points for various teams and members of PGSG.
- Developed rubrics for evaluation and application for the Parliamentarian of PGSG.
 - Provided detailed application structure.
 - Handled interviews with COS, SC, and Treasurer.
 - Made an appointment.
- Attended CPR and AED Training with COS, Diversity Chair and Community Team Chair to help create a group of PGSG E-Board members who are CPR AED certified.
- Worked with:
 - PRO:
 - Call for volunteers for PGSG and seek out senators from departments traditionally not represented in PGSS.
 - Call for Parliamentarian for PGSG.
 - Calendar and PGSG card design.
 - On the vacating of the office of PRO, made an appointment.
 - COS:
 - Create the PGSG Calendar.
 - Begin monthly meetings with each team/committee.
 - Order new PGSG swag for 2023-24.
 - Treasurer:
 - Develop the new reimbursement policies.
 - Rework the 23-24 budget.
 - Career Team Chair:
 - On recommending the idea of study groups.
 - Sat in on meeting with ISS.
 - Community Team Chair:
 - Attended weekly PGSG Literary club meetings.
 - Helped rework the format of meetings and expenses.
 - GRAC Chair:

- Recommend spending budgets on grants.
- Rework budget for 2023-24.
- Procure excess funding from PGSG surplus for June 2023.
- Secure \$25k for summer childcare grant funding.
- Life Team Chair:
 - Work on the contract with Lafayette Brewing Company for the Welcome Social.
- Diversity Officer:
 - RedZone Tailgate.
 - ExpressFest tabling.
- Senate Chair:
 - Helped advertise empty seats in the PGSS.
 - Helped co-ordinate food for the Senate Workshop.

Chief of Staff - Ailin Fei (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

- Worked with President to get operations up and running for the year
- Coordinated PGSG at NGSO with President
- Got started on team assignments before the start of the school semester with 119 interested members - will continue to work on this as the majority of interest forms will be received at the callout
- Details are set up for the PGSG Callout
 - Wednesday, August, 23, 2023 at 6PM in CL50, 224
 - Jimmy John's sandwiches
- Set up meeting with team/committee chairs
- Designed a new points system to team members to track engagement and recognition

Treasurer - Swati Shikha (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Re-drafted the budget for FY 2023-24 after the overall allocation was updated.
- Created 3 transfer request forms, for operational accounts, for grants, and for senate projects, to meet the deficit incurred in FY 2022-23 and the expected deficit to be incurred in FY 2023-24.
 - Approvals required: BOSO, SAO, Faculty Advisor, Dean of Student Life, Dean of Graduate School.
 - 2 of these 3 transfer requests were approved. Senate Projects transfer request was denied.
- Part of continual meetings with BOSO/SAO to get on the same page about spendings, expenditures, and expectations for FY 2023-24.
- The 2 new GRAC grants - Transitional Housing, and Accessibility grants - were passed on from BOSO/SAO to legal.

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

Over the summer, we have been working diligently to appoint and confirm PGSG Senators for the Fall Session of the 2023-2024 legislative term. As of the writing of this report, only 4 senatorial seats remain vacant that were represented at the end of the 2023 Spring term. These senatorial seats are those representing:

- Basic Medical Sciences
- Botany and Plant Pathology
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences

In addition to these seats, two seats were vacated during the Spring 2023 semester and remain vacant going into the Fall 2023 semester. These seats represent a comparatively large number of graduate students and represent:

- Mathematics
- Aeronautics and Astronautics

Other than that, all senatorial seats represented at the end of Spring 2023 are filled for the coming legislative term or a point of contact with the department/program in question has been established along with an estimated time for when that seat will be filled. Additionally, with the help of the President and the Public Relations Officer, approximately 5 new seats have been filled and the number of departments/programs represented in the PGSG Senate continues to rise.

The other major advancement this summer has been the planning of the annual Senator's workshop, which is held on August 26. The information presented there is in the process of being recorded for senators unable to attend and future senators who may join PGSG. We look forward to seeing you all then and assisting you as you represent your graduate student constituency.

Public Relations - TBD(pgsg.pro@gmail.com)

Parliamentarian - TBD (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

- Tabled at Express Fest with Community Chair and Legislative Affairs Officer (8/23).
 - Chatted with Andrea Langrish from C-Span about grad student opportunities.
 - Chatted with Dr. Amruta Inamdar from CCO. Connect Career Chair with Dr. Inamdar for future collaborations.
 - Chatted with Gabi Da Silva from PSG on joint resolution about Juneteenth. Gabi said she will send us a draft for us to co-author and submit on PGSG senate.
- Signed up to table at LGBTQ+ Center's Rainbow Callout (9/5, 6-8pm, CoRec). Need to ask team chairs to recruit volunteers.
- Met with AAARC grad assistant, Manabu, about Lunar New Year Celebration. Donated \$200.
- Met with AAARC director, Pamela Sari, about potential speaker on Lunar New Year Celebration. Discussed with President on endowment fund.

- Reached out to AAARC, LGBTQ+ centers about senator positions.
- Meet with CARE to discuss RedZone tailgate and future collaborations (8/25)
- Recruitment for Vice Diversity Officer (9/2 due)
- Events to collaborate with PGSG teams

Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

- Met with NAGPS board re legislative advocacy initiatives
- Met with LGBTQ+ center about advocacy initiative
- Tabled at Express Fest with Diversity Officer
- Assisted with PGSG Callout
- Attended summer executive board meetings

Career Chair - Akshita Ramya Kamsali (pgsg.career@gmail.com)

- Accountability session - Biweekly — 24th Aug, 11th Sept, 25th Sept
- Professional development events - in communication with various organizations to finalize date
- Sept 14th - CPT session for international students
- Survey to graduate students to understand their needs from career and professional development aspect

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

- Organized Literature Club for 3 times—Aug 5th, 12th, 19th, will hold monthly meeting on Aug 26th
- Contacted collaborators for volunteer activities including Ab7G, OMA.

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

- Organized a Welcome Social at Lafayette Brewing Company - August 24th
- Reached out to last year's contacts for reiterating certain events - Coffee Corner, Movie Night, Fall and Spring Picnic (ideally at Krach lawn)
- Thinking about ways to make Grad Student Appreciation Week better this year (more should be done by the university instead of them just using our events...)

Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes (pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com)

September Report

President - Somosmita Mitra(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.
0. 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.
0. 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.
0. Forwarded all emails pertaining to NAGPS and FAARM to the Legislative Affairs Officer and Treasurer.
- Awaiting response.
0. 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)

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

Treasurer - Swati Shikha (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)

- 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 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
- 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)

Parliamentarian - (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (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)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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 (MSEGSA)
 - Voting:
 - approved with revisions =3
 - approved as is = 1
 - Recommended revisions were to include links to items purchased & revise the request for a \$400 coat rack
 - Revision completed by MSEGSA
 - 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)**

October Report

President Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

Internal Developments:

1. *Leadership Transition:*

Onboarded newly elected Chief of Staff (COS) and Public Relations Officer (PRO) on 09.21.2023, 09.22.2023, and 09.25.2023.

2. *Ongoing Meetings:*

Conducted weekly meetings with PGSG Advisor and PGSC Senior Administrative Assistant.

Facilitated biweekly meetings between PGSG Advisor and Treasurer.

3. *Senate Engagement:*

Attended Senate meetings on September 20th and 27th, 2023.

Collaborated with the Senate Chair to finalize invited speakers for PGSS 202324, including:

Purdue President's unavailability on PGSS dates.

Potential attendance of the Provost on February 21, 2024.

Invitation extended to the Associate Provost of Graduate Programs for the October 18, 2023 Senate meeting.

Associate Provost accepted the invitation.

Instructions forwarded to Senate Chair to inform Associate Provost about the location of the meeting.

Invitation extended to the CAPS Director for the October 25, 2023 Senate meeting.

CAPS director accepted the invitation.

Instructions forwarded to Senate Chair to inform CAPS director about the location/Zoom link of the meeting.

Invitation extended to the Vice Provost of Student Life to attend the November 15, 2023 Senate meeting.

Attended PSG Senate meeting on 10.04.2023 to talk about the Resolution Establishing Juneteenth on the University Academic Calendar.

The Resolution passed, making it PGSG's first joint resolution with PSG in the Fall of 2023.

4. *Event Coordination:*

Assisted the Life Team Chair in coordinating Fall Picnic reservations and logistics.

Participated in tabling activities at the RedZone Tailgate.

5. *Public Relations:*

Collaborated with the Public Relations Officer to review flyers and newsletters.

Released information regarding the On Demand shuttle service.

6. Mental Health Initiatives:

Held meetings with the Community Team Chair and Vice Chair to discuss Mental Health Action Week and potential kickoff activities.

Attended Mental Health Action Week planning meetings with the Community Team to come up with a proposal for the Office of the Provost to partially fund Fall and Spring MHAW.

7. *Legislative Initiatives:*

Submitted PGSS legislation to the University Senate Steering Committee.

8. *On demand Shuttle Service:*

Conducted regular meetings with PGSG Advisor, Chief of Staff, and Public Relations Officer every Thursday to manage logistics.

Collaborated with the PRO to deliver newsletters, forms, and policies related to the On Demand shuttle service.

Multiple meetings with Rides2U to finalize logistics of service.

9. *Co-Chaired E-Board meeting:*

Immense gratitude to Career Team Chair for chairing E-Board on 4th of October, as I moved around campus due to TA commitment and attending PSG Senate for Juneteenth.

The PGSG Executive Board Meeting on October 4, 2023, via Zoom, covered various agenda items. The meeting began with the approval of minutes and the agenda, both of which received unanimous consent. Discussions during old business involved the Annual Report's status and concerns about the After Hours On Demand Shuttle Service, with a focus on Rides2U. New business topics included PGSG's purchase of disposable plastic water bottles and a proposal to use existing bottles at events rather than buying disposable ones. The meeting also touched upon a request for donations to the ACE Food Pantry. PR updates included a change of email domain, Canva charges, and protocols for the 23-24 term. Each committee and team presented updates on their activities, and questions and open floor discussions brought up various topics. The meeting concluded with announcements and was adjourned at 9:51 PM.

10. *Other issues:*

Responded to graduate student emails concerning staff insurance issues, liaising with ODOS and HR, and escalating issues to the Provost, Vice Provost of Student Life, Dean of Students and Associate Provost for Graduate Programs.

This resulted in the Office of the Provost stepping in and working with HR to reimburse graduate students who took up the student plans when the grad staff benefits window was closed.

HR wasn't letting grad students move back to staff insurance if they had already purchased student insurance.

With the office of the Provost stepping in, this move now can be made and the students are being notified accordingly.

Initiated the search for a graduate representative on the EPC through email notifications. Decided to make an appointment.

Finalized details on the Mental Health First Aider training and communicated them to ODOS.

Regularly attended the PGSG Literary Club sessions throughout the month.

Regularly attended the PGSG Accountability Club sessions throughout the month.

External Developments:

1. Graduate Council Engagement:

Attended the Graduate Council meeting on September 21, 2023, providing updates on PGSG activities.

Attended University Senate Meeting on the 16th of October, 2023.

2. Advocacy:

Participated in a meeting with the Provost, Vice Provost of Student Life, Associate Provost for Graduate Programs, Student Trustee, and PSG President to advocate for the removal of differential fees, discuss the feasibility of raising the graduate student minimum stipend to \$32k, and explore on campus housing options.

Engaged in discussions with Purdue Transportation and Procurement for the After Hours shuttle service.

Assigned Career Team Chair to attend Action Council for Student Well Being and Housing in my absence.

Escalated international student grad staff insurance benefits issue, which led to HR extending enrollment period for affected students until 16th October, 2023. This saves international graduate students about \$800, for those who were forced to remain under student insurance.

3. Board of Trustees Engagement:

Met with multiple members of the Board of Trustees to advocate for graduate students and share impactful graduate student stories.

4. Housing Initiatives:

Met with the Associate Provost for Student Life to discuss graduate student specific housing.

Provided information and data to the Provost as a report for the Action Council on Student Housing and WellBeing.

Prepared a proposal for the Office of the Provost to fund the Transitional Housing Grant, albeit it was denied due to hesitancy in funding grants by the Office of the Provost.

5. Collaborative Efforts:

Initiated contact with all local shuttle service providers to gather essential data for potential collaboration.

6. Meeting with student leaders:

Continued regular meetings with the Student Trustee and PSG President.

7. Secured additional funding for PGSG:

Submitted modified proposal to Office of Provost for MHAW. Proposal was successful and PGSG awarded \$3750 for MHAW.

Chief of Staff (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

Treasurer Swati Shikha (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Received approval and endorsement from BOSO and SAO for the amended FY 2023-2024 budget.
- Drafted a bill for the same and presented it to LRC, for subsequent review by the PGSS.

Senate Chair Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

- Routed budget amendment legislation and attended LRC meeting which handled introduced budget amendment along with ongoing consideration of LRC code of operations review.
- Attended approx. 4-hour e-board meeting
- Attended team night, primarily for LRC meeting
- Attended PSG meeting for consideration of joint legislation concerning Juneteenth
- Handled various emails regarding senate operations
- With assistance of the Senate clerk, oversaw the appointment of 2-3 senators.

Public Relations (pgsg.pro@gmail.com)

- I worked with the president to handle the email vulnerability issues by creating domain-based emails for all executives and senators.
- Guided the new email recipients in setting up their mails on their individual email clients via one to one Zoom meetings or physical meetings
- Worked with the President on the On-Demand Shuttle Service
- Created forms for the collection of information

- Redesigned the organization website (created three new pages - About Us, Blog, and On-Demand Shuttle)
- I created several flyers for the teams as demanded (Life Team, Diversity Team and GRAC Team)
- I updated some of the teams details on the website (update is still in progress)
- Created and communicated the new PR protocols.
- Established our work-board and assigned responsibilities to the Vice PRs
- I worked with the president alongside other team members on the 'On-Demand Shuttle Service' application approval.
- I worked with the PR Team to ensure all social media handles were updated
- Created branded editable templates for the PR team.

Parliamentarian (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

Parliamentarian Duties

- Determined that E-board members are ineligible to serve as senators.
- Resigned from the Education Policy Committee due to time conflicts.
- Request for senator input on governing documents is ongoing.
 - <https://forms.gle/tc5Xrk6SPho9ghyDA>
- Advised treasurer on drafting of budget amendment legislation.
 - Legislation has been approved by LRC
- Set up new email (parliamentarian@purduegradstudents.edu)
 - Both accounts will be monitored until Jan, then the new account will take over.
- Attended E-Board meeting.
- In the process of generating a document outlining received comments and concerns pertaining to the governing documents
 - This is part of the constitutional review done every two years
 - This will be a guide for future amendments

LRC Chair Duties

- Set agenda, provided materials and ran LRC meeting (Oct 11th).
- Vice Chair (Titiksha Wagh) and Recorder (Jacob White) were elected.
- Appointed Vice Chair as representative of the LRC at all future E-board meetings.
 - Parliamentarian will still attend, but will no longer represent the LRC in said space.
- All pending legislation has been approved by LRC
 - Most recent is Budget Amendments
 - For others, see senate agenda, as all have been listed (but not yet introduced)
- Minutes of the first meeting and emergency meeting before Sept. 20 Senate meeting have been approved and provided to the Senate Chair and Clerk.
- Code of Opertions underwent first round of revisions
 - Expected to need at least one more round of revisions before ratification.
- Committee voted to hold additional meetings on Nov. 2, Feb. 8, Mar. 7, and Apr. 4 from 6-8 PM

- These are in addition to meetings held on team nights

Diversity Officer Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

- Collaborated with Life Team on Hispanic Heritage Month. Purchased Latin snacks and booked a Zumba session.
 - Snacks were distributed at PGSC and LCC on 10/13 and 10/16.
 - Zumba session was held at CoReC on 10/13.
 - Communicated with PRO on marketing plans.
- Elected and met with Vice Diversity Officer (Mohammed Metwaly) on upcoming events and initiatives.
 - November: National Native American Heritage Month
 - The end of semester, mix & mingle for various cultural graduate student associations
- Discussed with E-board on donating \$100 (from Diversity line items) to Ace Campus Food Pantry's event featuring Da'Shaun Harrison. The event is on Nov 9th at Fowler Hall.
 - Da'Shaun is a trans theorist and Southern-born and bred abolitionist in Atlanta, GA. They are the author of *Belly of the Beast: The Politics of Anti-Fatness as Anti-Blackness*, which won the 2022 Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Nonfiction and several other media/literary honors.
- Attended Nigerian Student Association and Francophone Student Association's cultural award night on 10/15.
- Collaborated with Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) on Domestic/Relationship Violence Honor Walk on 10/19 at 7:30pm.

Legislative Affairs Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

- Met with NAGPS board re legislative advocacy initiatives
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation concerning graduate students
- Continued planning for fall legislative advocacy efforts
- Worked with legislative affairs officers of other universities
- Attended executive board meetings
- Attended senate meetings
- Attended committee meetings

Career Chair Akshita Ramya Kamsali (pgsg.career@gmail.com)

- Hosted Accountability Club on the 25th Sept 2023
- Chair and Vice Chair work with Community team for MHAW kickoff party
- Team working on setting up and organizing a citation management workshop with Libraries.
- Attended Action Committee planning meeting on the 2nd Oct along with the President
- Helped the President chair the October e-board meeting.
 - Assisted PRO with email set up demonstration.
- Attended Action Committee planning meeting on the 13th Oct as substitute for the President

- Meeting was hosted by Provost Wolfe, notable attendees were Associate Dean Barker of Grad school
- Discussion points were Graduate student housing, stipend increase
- A committee to meet on 25th to discuss more
- Dean Barker urged PGSG to share any grievances to bring to future meetings. Senators can send grievances in writing to the President
- A request to share a copy of important announcements and information with Dean Barker for reporting to grad deans and for wider dissemination.
- CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) presence at a vigil for assistance.
- A notification sent to instructors and Teaching and Learning staff to provide accommodations to students affected by the ongoing Israel-related events.
 - Discussion on the extraction of faculty and students.
 - A recommendation to cancel any trips to the affected area.
 - Campus safety coordination with various police departments.
- Discussions regarding graduate stipends
 - minimums, maximums, and medians by department requested.
 - Efforts to improve stipends and make decisions in advance.
- Open enrollment for insurance until October 16th, with communication to PGSG (Purdue Graduate Student Government).
 - Efforts to resolve graduate students being turned away from benefits.
- An update on the PU Indianapolis experience, including internships, externships, and transportation between campuses.
 - potential opportunities to work at the Indy campus
- Future accountability sessions and workshop planning in progress.

Community Chair Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

1. Organized literature Club every Saturday
 - a. Drinks costed \$39.81 on 10-07-2023, \$76.78 on 10-14-2023, books costed \$77.80
 - a. Made flyer for the October events by Sindusha (vice chair)
2. Prepared MHAW events:
 - a. Had 2 in-person meetings with the MHAW team and president, planned budget, venues, time, organizers for events including baking, painting, bowling night, knitting, kick-off breakfast, candle giveaway, etc.
 - a. Worked with the president, provided a planned table for the president to apply a grant for MHAW events. Got \$3,750 funding from Provost.
2. Prepared Halloween Night:
 - a. Met with Big Grad Team online (Oct 5th) to work out the plan for Halloween Night
 - a. Filed APF, reserved PGSC as venue
2. Registered PGSG as a group for winterization by Daphne

3. Organized team night of community team:
 - a. Hold potluck for team members
 - a. Took notes of the team meeting

Life Chair Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

1. Fall Picnic was a huge success despite the rain and having to move it indoors
2. Planned and organized an upcoming Coffee Corner (10/16) and Movie Night (10/24)
3. Took part in the RecWell Advisory Board meeting late last month
4. Have had more URPC meetings
 - a. emphasis in the discussion on issues regarding grad student housing, parking, bike lanes, late night lighting across campus

Grant Review and Allocation Chair Ali Holmes (pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com)

1. Contacted all reviewers who indicated interest in participating in GRAC
2. Updated all SCHWAG points
3. Discussed with E-team regarding a writing workshop for applicants
4. Switched emails to new account
 - a. ensured VC made the switch as well
2. Worked with Pro to create new flyers for dissemination
3. Attended e-board meetings
4. Attended senate meeting
5. Communicated with PRO all inactive senators
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- . Symposium Grant:
 - 1. 1 applications
 - a. 1 applications reviewed, 1 applications funded
 - . 1 \$2000.00
 - . **TOTAL: \$2000.00**
- . Travel Grant
 - 1. 39 applications received, 32 eligible
 - a. 32 applications reviewed, 32 funded
 - . Tier 1: 7 x \$750.00
 - . Tier 2: 7 x \$500
 - . Tier 3: 13 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - . **Total: \$8750 (PGSG) \$3900 (GS)**

November Report

President - Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

Dear Senators, welcome to November!

Here are my updates for the month:

Internal:

1. Assisted Chief of Staff with Team Appreciation by:
 - a. Figuring out item code and placing in quote request for Freckles.
 - a. Inputting the order details for food with follow up details of COS.
 - a. Submitting the APF for the event.
 - a. Submitting the room request for the event.
2. Attended the Mental Health First Aider Training and provided logistic support:
 - a. 8 grad students were trained and certified.
 - a. Forwarded along details to PRO for inclusion on website.
2. Bi-weekly meeting with PGSG Advisor and Treasurer.
 - a. Updates on status of finances, administration and feedback.
 - a. Discuss best strategies to move with shuttle voucher purchases.
2. Chaired E-Board on 1 November:
 - a. Plans to cancel the December EBoard was quashed due to non permittance by governing documents.
 - a. Team Appreciation event details conveyed with the threshold for team members receiving appreciation item being > 0 points.
 - a. Annual report from former President still pending.

- a. Voting was conducted for the PGSG Statement on the Humanitarian Crisis in the Gaza Strip. Two senators were welcomed to the meeting.
 - a. Updates were provided by all Team and Committee Chairs.
- 2. Attended meeting to frame the statement released based on PGSS legislation on the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip.
- 3. Attended weekly PGSG Literary Club meetings:
 - a. Provided logistic support with food delivery.
- 2. Attended LRC on 11.2.2023:
 - a. To talk about legislation on Graduate student leave compensation.
 - a. To talk about EBoard voting policies.
- 2. Attended Life Team events:
 - a. Coffee Corner.
 - a. Movie Night.
- 2. Held meetings with the following team chairs to hear about issues and look into best ways to support PGSG Teams:
 - a. Community Team Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. GRAC Chair
 - a. LRC Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. PR Officer
 - a. Diversity Officer and Vice Chair of Diversity Team
 - a. Written updates with Life Team.
- 2. Attended Team Night.
- 3. Attended, helped plan and execute the MHAW Kickoff breakfast and candle giveaway.
- 4. Attended and planned for the listening session with graduate students for Knit and Listen.
- 5. Wrote legislation for the Senate.

External:

- 1. Met with CAPS Outreach Director, with Community Team Chair and MHAW Director:
 - a. Finalised MHAW Kickoff breakfast and CAPS collaboration.
 - a. Finalised the candle giveaway with CAPS trivia morning.
 - a. Made plans for the Spring kickoff including securing another \$5k in funding.
 - a. Linked Life Team Chair and Vice Chair with CAPS outreach director via email for potential collaboration for the Spring Picnic.
- 2. Attended Grad Council Meeting:
 - a. Updated Grad Council on PGSG achievements.
- 2. Attended two Student Affairs Committee Meeting of University Senate to:
 - a. Present and talk about PGSS and PSG's Juneteenth legislation.
 - a. Talk about feasibility of graduate student stipend raises.
- 2. Attended University Senate meeting:
 - a. Advisory meeting - reports cannot be made.
 - a. Senate meeting.
- 2. Attended Meeting on Transportation issues of students with:
 - a. Univeristy administration

2. Attended GROW's meeting to hear student concerns with PRO.
3. Attended meeting with Assistant vice provost for student life, University Residences Senior Director, University Residences and Dining Director of Operations, and Purdue Director of Administration:
 - a. Received news on potential housing on campus being reserved for graduate students.
 - a. Waiting to hear back from the Vice Provost of Student Life for approval to advertise spaces.
2. Continued bi-weekly meetings with student trustee and President of PSG.
3. Responded to email from CSGSB (forwarded by Student Trustee) about:
 - a. Purdue West Lafayette CS students requiring to support courses on the Purdue Indianapolis campus.
 - a. Followed up with Associate Provost of Graduate Programs, who reaffirmed their initial statement that PU WL students won't be needed to support courses in PU I.
 - a. Passed on information to CSGSB to forward future queries to Dean of the College of Sciences.
2. Met with SAO and BOSO, with PGSG Advisor and PGSG Treasurer:
 - a. Pausing Childcare grants in Spring to review the administration process as DFA stops reviewing grants.
 - . In conversation with GRAC Chair, Parliamentarian and Advisor on best course of action.
 - a. Strategy to handle donations received by PGSG.
 - a. Pass on budget approval by PGSS.
 - a. Discuss finances for Shuttle Program.
2. Created a report based on the Shuttle Program for ORD and IND:
 - a. Sent it to SAO and BOSO.
 - a. Emailed Reindeer to begin partial purchase.
 - a. Reached out to Associate Provost Barker to fund this initiative, from the \$40k approved for the on demand shuttle program.
2. Met the Director of BOSO:
 - a. To talk about finances.
 - a. Budget categories.
 - a. Best practices to move forward.
2. Continued interfacing with Rides2U:
 - a. To discuss payment strategies.
 - a. Continuing to approve rides for all graduate students.
2. Attended Action Council on Student Housing and Well Being:
 - a. Encouraged by Provost to submit Emergency Legislation on MHAW inclusion on University Academic Calendar.
 - a. Detailed breakdown of graduate student stipends to be provided from the Treasurer of Purdue to PGSG.

- a. Advocated for competitive stipends for graduate students which Associate Provost Barker verbally stated that can be up to and even more than the \$32k ask with a plan to revisit stipend raises every 2 years.
- 2. Attended Monthly meeting with Provost, Associate Provost of Graduate Program and Vice Provost for Student Life.
- 3. Continuing monthly meetings with Vice Provost of Student Life, Dean of Students and Associate Dean of Students.
- 4. Attended Old Master's Dinner with Dignitaries with COS.

Chief of Staff - O. Benjamin Fakunle (cos@purduegradstudents.com)

- 1. Organized November's team night:
 - a. ensured all team members had food and drinks.
 - b. ensured all teams had their meetings.
- 0. Made arrangements and plans for PGSG Teams Appreciation by:
 - a. Deciding, computing and placing item request for Freckles for team night appreciation (supported by the president)
 - a. Deciding on the date and food for team appreciation and submitted the invoice to the treasurer
 - a. Following up on the APF for the event.
 - a. Following up and making adjustments for the rooms requested for the event.
 - a. Decided on the design of the teams' night appreciation item.
 - 0. Picked up drinks with the senate chair for team nights and senate meetings.
 - 0. Recruited new team members to PGSG teams.
 - 0. Ordered name tags for the COS and PRO and completed the order of name tag for parliamentarian.
 - 0. Attended senate meeting:
 - a. as part of my constitutional duty
 - a. to support the diversity committee (now diversity team) legislation to be upgraded from being a committee to a team.
 - 0. Requested parking pass for Life team Vice Chair.
 - 0. Worked with PRO to correct some anomalies in PGSG communication.
 - 0. Attended Old Master's Dinner with Dignitaries with President
 - 0. Attended Community team Event- Halloween night.
 - 0. Attended Life Team events:
 - a. Fall picnic
 - a. Coffee Corner.
 - a. Movie Night.
 - a. Grad Student Socials
 - 0. worked on the request of Jill to have an updated E-board list for PGSC.
 - 0. Attended October E-board meeting,

Treasurer - Swati Shikha (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Created and continued to maintain a list of all PGSG expenses. [Link here.](#)
- Appointed and continued to onboard the PGSG Vice treasurer – Dharun Anand.
- Continued to have periodic meetings with BOSO, SAO, the PGSG Faculty Advisor, and the PGSG President.
- Starting to compile the list of PGSG officers eligible for Fall 2024 officer payments.

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

- Assisted in drafting of Israel-Gaza public statement
- Attended E-board meeting
- Attended Student Affairs Committee meeting to discuss Juneteenth resolution. The presumption is that an amendment will be made to clarify the type of holiday being requested
- Assisted Senate clerk in preparation of minutes
- Prepared for October and November Senate meetings
- Attended team night for life team

Public Relations - Emmanuel A. Babalola (pro@purduegradstudents.com)

- Attended GROW's meeting alongside with the President
- Updated GRAC's webpage
- Fixed the Homepage concerns pointed out in the last e-board meeting
- Worked with my team to regulate everything going to the public with the approval of the President
- Regular update of the newsletter and timely delivery
- Maintenance of social media outlet
- Addressed Parliamentarian edit requests (Re: Childcare Grants and FCO Links)
- We posted the physical copies of flyers on several billboards in 10 departments
- We shared physical copies of GRAC flyers on campus and in Buses

Challenges: We are getting a lot of late requests! Not only from Team Chairs but also from Senators. Furthermore requests are sent to the wrong email addresses making it difficult to reconcile on our workboard. Finally, most edits are turned in late.

Ahead

- Wordpress Training

Parliamentarian - Andrew Mitchell (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com or parliamentarian@purduegradstudents.com)

- Lead LRC meetings (see separate LRC minutes)
- Attended all required meetings (E-Board, Senate, and Committee)
- Authored legislation FS-B005 regarding representation of the LRC at Executive Board meetings
- Discussed officer duties with the president, PRO, and GRAC Chair
- Advised President and GRAC Chair on Childcare Grant changes requested by DFA

- Advised Senate Chair on issues pertaining to senate meetings including vote counts, quorum, and more
- Compiled constitution and bylaw recommendations for ongoing constitutional review

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

Events & Initiatives:

- Met with the NAECC Director on the Native American Heritage Month celebration. Indigenous team giveaway on 11/30 Thursday at PGSC and NAECC.
- Diversity team info session 11/29 11am-1pm at Lavazza (Marriott Hall). Colab with the Vice Chair on publicizing diversity team (create slack, reach out to GSAs).
- Met with the Center for Advocacy, Education, and Response (CARE) on spring lunch & learn series on bystander intervention topics. Discussed creating a training program for intervention and interpersonal violence prevention.
- Prepare for Mix & Mingle with cultural organizations in spring.
- Prepare for food for thought round table discussion series in spring.

Committee meetings:

- Attended Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (EDIC) meeting on 10/30. Discuss the creation of SWANA cultural center and contact key personnel for follow-ups.
- Attended Graduate School Advisory Committee. Call for Diversity members. Discussed concerns and solutions for senate representation of cultural centers.

Other:

- Created a directory of cultural center organizations and their contact.

Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

- Met with NAGPS board re legislative advocacy initiatives
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation concerning graduate students
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- Worked with legislative affairs officers of other universities
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- Assisted other board members with their duties

Career Chair - Akshita Ramya Kamsali (pgsg.career@gmail.com)

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

1. Organized literature club every Saturday afternoon
2. Held Halloween Night on Oct 30 at PGSC
3. Organized winterization on Nov 4 for PGSG
4. Will hold MHAW week from Nov 13-17
 - a. Nov 13–Kick-off breakfast in collaboration with CAPS, candle giveaway in collaboration with CAPS & Aerospace GSO, painting night

- a. Nov14–Give Thanks in Ink, Knitting & Listen
 - a. Nov 15–Salsa Night, Flu Shot Clinic in collaboration with PGSC and PUSH
- a. Nov 16–Baking Night
- a. Nov17–Bowling Night
 - 2. Attended University Library Committee

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

- 1. Coffee corner event
- a. Another planned for early december
- 2. Movie night
- a. Trying to do another this semester
- 2. Attended RecWell Advisory board meeting
- 3. Attended URPC meeting
- 4. Planning lots of other events for next semester and GSAW

Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes (gracchair@purduegradstudents.com)

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| ..50 | \$279.00 |
- .TOTAL \$4745.96**

.Travel Grant

1. 24 applications received, 20 eligible
 - a. 20 applications reviewed, 17 funded
- .Tier 1: 3 x \$750.00
- .Tier 2: 4 x \$500
- .Tier 3: 10 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
- .Total: \$3250 (PGSG) \$3500 (GS)**

.GSOGA

1. 5 applications were received, 5 eligible
 - a. 5 applications reviewed, 5 applications funded
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| .1 | \$1028 |
| ..65 | \$975 |
| ..60 | \$884 |
| ..65 | \$975 |
| ..5 | \$750 |
- .Total: \$4612**

.Symposium n/a

December Report

President - Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

Congratulations on completing an entire semester in your role as Senator to the PGSS. This report will be rather short and talking about our activities for the last two weeks. So here goes:

- Attended the Meeting on Transportation and Pedestrian Safety with Provost, Associate Provost, Purdue Auxiliary services and Transportation:
 - Waiting on receiving communication to circulate on new facilities on campus.
 - There is room for one other person wishing to join me in these meetings, and potentially be involved in the renegotiation of the CityBus contract.
- Attended GradCouncil Meeting:
 - Learnt about the quickly forming plans and solidification of intentions to raise graduate student stipends.
 - Awaiting formal minutes to share with the Senate.
- Attended Purdue University Senate:
 - Juneteenth still within committee discussion in SAC and EPC.
- Attended Biweekly PGSG Logistics support meetings with Advisor, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer.
- Involved in ongoing conversation for the dissolution of the childcare grant until formal legislation can be brought in to rework the review process.
- Attended a meeting with COS, PRO and GRAC Chair to discuss GRAC communications.
- Updates on the shuttle service to ORD/IND:
 - Graduate School has agreed to fund this.
 - Initial purchase of 50 vouchers to ORD and 50 to IND made. Next ones to be made in January.
 - Reindeer offered about 25% discount with the cost of 100 vouchers being \$4500, but a discounted sum of \$3,375 was paid. Money saved can go towards more vouchers based on demand.
 - Forms shared and deadline announced in PGSG newsletter.
 - Website updated with help from PR Committee.
 - As of right now, I remain the sole co-ordinator of this service, any senator/board member wanting to assist/take over is welcome.
- Updates on the on demand shuttle service:
 - Continuing to work with Rides2U with the contract ending on 17 December.
 - As conversations with CityBus continue, we will look into renewing this contract in January.
 - I remain the sole co-coordinator of this service as well, any Senator/Board member wanting to assist/take over is welcome.
- With consent of the Treasurer and Advisor \$500 was approved from the PGSG Outreach budget to purchase pantry items to be kept at the PGSC during the holidays for graduate students to grab as needed.
- Working on legislation for the MHAW on Purdue Academic Calendar.

- Attended monthly meeting with Vice Provost of Student Life and Dean of Students.
- Attended Action Council on Student Housing and Well Being.
- Resumed monthly meetings with the Director of CAPS.
 - PGSG to collaborate on surveys of grad students.
- Partially attended Student Advisory Board Meetings (which is at the same time as Senate on 11.29.2023)

Chief of Staff - Oluwatosin Benjamin Fakunle (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

- Organized team appreciation event:
 - Food
 - Appreciation item- (PGSG branded shirt)
- Attended MHAW.
- Organized a round-table discussion to settle the misunderstanding and miscommunication between the GRAC chair and PRO with the President in attendance.
- Recruited interested grad students to PGSG teams.
- Sorted names of PGSG senators not yet on a team.
- Attended senate meeting.

Treasurer - Swati Shikha (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Continued meetings with BOSO and SAO.
- Continued to update and maintain a record of all PGSG expenses.

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

- Assisted in resolving questions and finalizing documents for Nov 15 senate meeting with Senate Clerk
- Handled all matters related to setting up the Nov 29 senate meeting
- Received several officer reports
- Began uploading documents to the PGSG website from this semester's senate business; website is not yet updated, but the goal is to have all the updates live by Dec 10.
- Met with Parliamentarian and LRC concerning PRO constitutionality questions to be reported on in Senate

Public Relations - Emmanuel Babalola (pro@purduegradstudents.com)

- Raised the Purdue's branding and alignment consistency with the PGSG webpage (Resolved - as not a requirement)
- Created a new page for ORD/IND Shuttle program with content provided by the President
- Advertised all PGSG programs
- Created GRAC flyers as needed
- Made corrections requested by the GRAC Chair
- Held two training sessions: Video Editing using CapCut (Last Team's Night) and Newsletter Training on 11/19/2023

- Attended PGSG events, took pictures, and created a database of links due to limited drive space
- Represented PGSG on the Educational Policy Committee, discussing a potential recommendation on AI use
- Oversaw Team's activities and provided support to Vice PRs
- Personally handled President's and GRAC Chair's requests
- Deactivated and unpublished the old Wixsite website to address duplicated content error and limited visibility
- Shared password access with five eBoard members
- Created two new emails, one of which is fully active
- Maintained social media and collaborated with Vice PRs to ensure real-time information dissemination approved by team chairs
- Addressed website feedback raised by the parliamentarian

Parliamentarian - TBD (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

- DEI open house on Nov 29 at Lavazza 11am-12pm. Submitted APF and marketing.
- Celebrate Native American Heritage Month: Indigenous tea giveaway at PGSC on Nov 30 (Thu) 9am-4pm. Designed poster and marketing.
- Reached out to potential senators from cultural centers.
- Met with CARE to discuss (1) spring lunch & learn series; (2) "I am a stalker" movie discussion; (3) bystander intervention and survivor support training programs.
- Met with Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee on Nov 27. Connect SWANA student representatives on the creation of the cultural center.
- Completed Writefull accessibility information.

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- Graduate Student Networking Training on Nov30th
- Reached out to Library Department for a workshop
- Working on a resource booklet for students
- Resume review at the beginning of Spring
- Mock interviews at the beginning of Spring

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

- Had meetings with the CAPS director on 11-16-2023 and will have another meeting on 11-30-2023.
- Reached out to Assistant Director of Operations, Outreach & Campus Engagement in CAPS for potential collaboration of MHAW video next semester.
- Organized literature club on Saturday afternoons.
- Prepared for Research-O-Rama next semester.

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

1. Attended the RecWell Advisory Board meeting - heard about the Master Plan for developing and expanding the Rec facilities (in brief, adding 10-12 new pickleball courts)
2. Attended the URPC meeting - big focus on parking issues and teaching people about where to walk or bike across campus (aka using designated bike lanes), especially in high traffic areas (WALC)
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January Report

President - Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

Internal Updates:

1. Continued monitoring of the On demand shuttle service and the ORD/IND shuttle service.
 - a. Worked on establishing protocols and processes for the ORD/IND shuttle service.
2. Conducted E-Board on 12.13.2023:
 - a. Established an ad hoc committee for the integration of Purdue Indianapolis graduate students into PGSG.
 - a. Appointment of Special Election Co-ordinator for vacant EBoard position in January.
 - a. Immediate advertisement of the vacant Treasurer position to begin.
 - a. Continued standing updates.
2. Continued biweekly meetings with Advisor and Treasurer.
3. Working with the Office of the Provost to accelerate progress on the grants:
 - a. Accessibility Grant:
 - . Accessibility Grant Vice Chair and Senate Clerk, who were able to secure the involvement of the Director of the Critical Disability Studies Program with the grant.
 - . With input from the Director of the Critical Disability Studies Program, a survey was created for graduate students to gauge accessibility needs.
 - . Work on grant to continue in parallel with gathering input from the survey on redirection of \$600k in funding towards the Disability Resource Centre (DRC).
 - a. Transitional Housing Grant:
 - . Meeting with the Office of the Provost to help obtain support for the grant.
2. Conducted E-Board on 01.10.2023:
 - a. Resolved situation regarding officer payments.
 - a. Discussed updates.
2. Met with PR committee, Special elections co-ordinator to finalize on the advertisement strategies for vacant Treasurer position.
3. Met with SAO/BOSO regarding officer payments and purchase of pending swag items for team members. After approval, made purchases with assistance from GRAC Chair and Senior Administrative Assistant. Emailed the Tiered reward system information to all team members concerned.
4. Organized a team lunch on 01.13.2023.
5. Updates on PGSS Legislation that need my action:
 - a. Legislation on Juneteenth- sent to EDIC, EPC and SAC in University Senate. EPC and SAC have already discussed it, EDIC has not taken it up yet.
 - a. Legislation on graduate students being eligible for vacation pay- signed, awaiting completed document for sending to University Senate.

- a. Legislation to add MHAW on University Academic Calendar- signed copy to send to PSG. Awaiting signature request for Joint Resolution and a final copy to send to Univerisity Senate.
2. Received resignation of PRO.
3. Appointed former PRO 22-23 and Vice PRO 21-22: Rajni Sah to the role of interim PRO for 23-24.
4. Attended Graduate Student Social on 19 January.

External Updates:

1. Mental Health Action Week progress::
 - a. Worked with the Senior Director of CAPS to create a survey for the graduate students at Purdue.
 - a. Secured funding for the MHAW video for the 21st and 22nd of February Basketball game in collaboration with CAPS.
 - a. Attended multiple meetings with the Community Team Chair, MHAW Director for discussing the formulation of this video.
 - a. Raw data from the survey to be used to address immediate graduate student concerns and needs related to mental health.
 - a. Linked PSG MHAW reps with PGSG reps.
2. Monthly BOSO/SAO meetings.
3. Monthly meetings with the Vice Provost of Student Life.
4. Monthly meetings with the Dean of Students.
5. Meetings with Rides2U CEO to discuss plans for 2024 Spring.
6. Meeting with PSG and authors of potential joint resolutions.
7. Conversations with Purdue University Fire Department and Purdue University Police Department for security and safety during senate on 24 January.
8. Meeting with Purdue Parking and Transportation regarding the blocking off of certain roads and spots for MHAW Spring 2024.

Chief of Staff - Benjamin Fakunle (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

1. Organized January Teams Night
2. Recruited New members to PGSG Teams
3. Submitted APF for GRAC pre workshop meeting & dinner
4. Received resignation from Career Team Chair
5. Attended Eboard meeting
6. Attended meeting to discuss election for the vacant treasurer position
7. Started treasurer certification training
8. Chaired Career Team Meeting since the chair of the team resigned
9. Answered questions and advertised the vacant positions in PGSG
10. Attended meeting with the provost on financial aid and legal grants for PGSG

Treasurer - TBD (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

- Coordinated candidates for election on Jan 24, 2024 as special elections coordinator
- Worked with Senators and reps of PSG for introduction of potential joint resolution on Jan 24, 2024
- Almost all legislation and most documents from last semester has been certified, but I cannot upload to the front end of the website; ideally, this will be rectified with incoming PRO
- Coordinated with PGSG president and PGSG advisor on security and logistics of Jan 24 meeting.
- Attended LRC meeting, e-board, and standing meeting with Parli
- Working with senate clerk to finalize some remaining pieces of legislation, minutes from late last semester, and update to governing docs from december of last semester.
 - Awaiting signature from one author on FA23-B002
 - Awaiting final notification from PSG that language of MHAW joint resolution did not change, should receive by end of week.

Public Relations Interim- Rajni Sah (pgsg.pro@gmail.com)

1. Appointed to role by President effective 22 January 2024.

Parliamentarian - Andrew Mitchell (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

- Updated Const and Bylaws to reflect legislation passed in the fall
- Reviewed 4 amendments to constitution and bylaws
 - Three passed LRC and one is continuing to be discussed
- Reviewed and deemed constitutional a resolution on Boycotts, Sanctions, and Divestment
- Advised the Executive Board on handling elections for two vacant Executive Officer positions
- Attended all relevant meetings (Executive Board, PGSS, LRC, and 1-on-1 as needed)

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

1. WeCARE Lunch & Learn spring series on Jan 25, Feb 13, Feb 22, Mar 7, and Mar 26, 12:30-1:30pm at PGSC. This series address topics such as bystander intervention, intercultural foundations, and power differences among graduate students. Lunch is provided (RSVP required). Please share with your units.
2. Writefull premium prescription was NOT purchased by the University due to accessibility issues.
3. Reach out to Women in Engineering and Women in Science Programs about collaborations.
4. Communicate with legislation authors.
5. Attended e-board and senate meeting.

Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

- Met with NAGPS board re legislative advocacy initiatives
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation concerning graduate students

- Started planning for spring legislative advocacy efforts
- Worked with legislative affairs officers of other universities

Career Chair - TBD (pgsg.career@gmail.com)

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

1. Held literature club on Jan 6, 13 and 20.
2. Reached out to CAPS, Purdue Online video production team and PSG MHAW director for MHAW collaboration.
3. Had meetings with CAPS officers on Jan 12 and 19 to discuss video script and finalize MHAW Kick-off event.
4. Worked with Research-O-Rama director to recruit speakers for R-o-R and made flyers for advertising the event which will take place next month.
5. Worked with the Big Grad Event director to prepare for the Lunar New Year Red Bag Giveaway event next month.

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

1. Grad student social was planned and happened last Friday (Jan. 19th)
2. Working with team to plan out new events this semester
3. Working to reserve a Movie Night for the opening weekend of Dune pt. 2
4. Attended URPC and RecWell Advisory board meetings this month

Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes (pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com)

1. GRAC's very own top reviewer, [Shuangtng Li](#) is applying for the treasurer position!!
2. All top reviewers have been spotlighted on the website
3. Planned GRAC writing workshop (it is January 23rd at PGSC) we hope to see you there
4. Attended e-board meetings
5. Attended senate meeting
6. Helped acquire schwag for teams, to increase morale and honor our previous promises to team members :)
7. I finally received access to the site; all materials are up-to-day and user-friendly. Could not edit the deadlines "table" however, I have added all eligibility periods to their respective grants
 - a. Planning to add all pages to recognize all grant recipients and, our reviewer's list :)
2. Total Budget:
 - a. \$69,370.24 of \$171,700.00- 40% spent (Professional, Travel, GSOGA, Symposium)
 2. Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
 3. Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
 4. Graduate Student Equipment Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500- 50% spent.
 5. Child care grant open for Fall. Fall applications close on the 23rd of September, 2023. Allocated \$15,000.00/ \$40,000.00; 37% spent - **DISCONTINUED**
 - a. Per my prior announcement, DFA decided to "streamline" their workload and no longer review childcare grants. Due to the financial need component, GARC can

not review the Grants. GRAC voted on team night, and the remaining childcare funds have been dissolved, 25K is being reallocated amongst professional, travel, and potentially transitional housing.

- . We will vote on the reallocations in February.
 - . **Please note, that if you have anyone interested in the former childcare grant, they should contact Scholarship DFA at scholarshipdfa@purdue.edu and inquire about the [Grad Parent Support Program](#) as this scholarship program is used to support graduate students and is not advertised**
 - . **Another option is the [Patty Jischke “Kids are the Future” Endowment scholarship](#)**
2. GRAC has expressed interest in increasing Travel award amounts, to account for inflation
 3. Professional- 56.26%% spent \$17,199.20/ \$30,570.00
 4. GSOGA- 40% spent \$16,021/ \$40,000.00
 5. Symposium -60% spent \$6,900 /\$11,500
 6. Travel- 42.26% spent \$29,250/ \$63,630.00
 - a. (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$18,900/\$45,000.00; 42% spent)
2. Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
- a. Monthly Voting Outcomes: November Round: All but two eligible applications awarded
 - . Professional Grant
 1. 14 applications received, 7 ineligible (amount requested \$5,087.92)
 - a. 7 applications were reviewed, 5 applications funded
 - . .97 \$772.03
 - . .91 \$683.12
 - . .85 \$636.50
 - . .82 \$491.18
 - . .61 \$457.21
 - . .0 \$0
 - . .0 \$0
 - . **TOTAL \$2996.04**
 - . Travel Grant
 1. 30 applications received, 22 eligible
 - a. 22 applications reviewed, 14 funded
 - . Tier 1: 3 x \$750.00
 - . Tier 2: 4 x \$500.00
 - . Tier 3: 8 x \$250 (with a \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - . **Total: \$3750 (PGSG) \$2400 (GS)**
 - . GSOGA
 1. N/A
 - . Symposium
 1. 1 applications were received, 1 eligible

- a. 1 application reviewed, 1 application funded
 - . 1 \$2000.00
 - . **Total: \$2000.00**

February Report

President - Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

- Organized E Board:
 - The LAO will provide the completed Annual Report via email, with the Senate chair, President, and PGSG Advisor cc'd.
 - New business included updates on grants from GRAC, Senate actions, and modifications to be made by Vice Chairs. Efforts were being made to reach out to the DRC, with Treasurer 2 and the GRAC Chair overseeing necessary changes. Questions arose regarding the Senate's role in enacting actions outside of legislation, which was clarified as being within the legislative branch's jurisdiction.
 - Standing items included updates from PGSC, highlighting upcoming Valentine's Day preparations and Mental Health Awareness Week plans. Challenges with AV systems were discussed, with potential solutions and funding sources proposed.
 - Senate updates included pending legislation and discussions on operational procedures for various teams.
 - Team night updates addressed logistical issues and coordination efforts for upcoming events.
 - Treasury updates focused on grants and reimbursements, with plans to prioritize certain expenditures.
 - Team and Committee updates covered ongoing initiatives, including MHAW events, diversity initiatives, and public relations efforts.
 - Discussions also included the process for appointing Vice PR2 and clarifications on team assignments and appointments.
 - Board updates included legislative affairs and discussions on representing Purdue Indianapolis campus within PGSG. Plans for equitable elections and event coordination were discussed, along with logistical considerations for incorporating satellite campuses.
- Assisted with Valentine's Day Event.
- Met with the President.
- Met with Action Council and prep meeting.
- Met with SAO and BOSO.
- Met with Board of Trustee member and PSG president.
- Secured additional \$10k in funding from graduate school.
- Biweekly meetings with Advisor and Treasurer.
- Multiple email exchanges with SAO and BOSO regarding the THG and Accessibility grants.

- Continued coordination for the Rides2U program, used this as an pilot initiative to advocate for Purdue to take it up as a project for all students at Purdue. Currently submitted for review and awaiting implementation in April.
- Continued monitoring and issuing of the shuttle vouchers to ORD/IND.
- Liaise with Graduate School for MHAW free coffee tickets.

Chief of Staff - O. Benjamin Fakunle (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

- Organized and conducted Teams Night
- Coordinated the Career team meeting
- 1. recruited new members to the team
- 2. conducted orientation for the new members
- 3. Reshuffle the team list to active members only.
- Met with Purdue University president
- Attended Senate meeting.
- Recruited new members to PGSG
- Attended a vigil organized for a grad student
- Responded to emails making enquiries about PGSG
- Followed up with senators assigned to teams.

Treasurer - Shuangting Li (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Cleared treasure inbox (gmail and purduegradstudents.com)
 - Replied to unread emails from December and January
- Continued to update and maintain a record of all PGSG expenses.
- Continued to process the PGSG grants (travel grant and professional grant) reimbursement
- Appointed Dharun Anand continue to be treasure 2
- Set up meeting with students and assist with their grants reimbursement
 - Answer their questions about reimbursement during office hour or by appointment

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

Public Relations - Rajni Sah(pgsg.pro@gmail.com)

- Facilitated event publicity through weekly newsletter with the help of Vice PROs
- Publicized PGSG and other graduate events through social media
- Met with the PR Committee to discuss strategy on covering GSAW events efficiently
- Edited website to make it more accessible
 - Added “Grant Reimbursement” menu on GRAC website on GRAC chair’s request
 - Created a “Contact Us” form and integrated it on the [PGSG website](#). The previous contact form was removed from the website which required students to contact us via email and some of these got lost in the pile of emails that we got
 - Updated Senate page with details and senate documents for the upcoming PGSS meeting. Working on a systematic procedure to allow Senate chair to upload documents and create webpage/post automatically for each senate meeting

- Working on a new program to be run during the summer for apartment lease/sublease process among Purdue graduate students
 - Exact action plan is not yet decided.
 - PGSG will only publicize the lease/sublease posts via newsletter
 - Each post will be verified by PGSG (PRO or other team members) before publicizing
 - Tentative process will be as follows:
 - Collect info about apartment through Qualtrics
 - Preliminary verification of info, price, and pictures
 - Share qualified listing through a biweekly/monthly newsletter
 - Run this program throughout the summer
 - Person in-charge: TBD
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Parliamentarian - Andrew Mitchell(pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

- Attended all required meeting (LRC, PGSS, Exec)
- Discussed Transitional Housing Grant Legislation with representatives from GRAC
 - Reviewed and made recommendations as follow-up
- Continued legislative review process along with LRC members
- Assisted LRC Vice Chair with introduction to exec board and positional email (following last semester's legislation regarding the LRC VC serving on exec board)
- Discussed avenues for approval of executive session minutes with Senate Chair
- Discussed addition of a mediation event to MHAW with Community Chair
- If you are an LRC member and you read this before our next meeting then I owe you cookies

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

- Ongoing monitoring of legislation concerning graduate students
- Continued planning for spring legislative advocacy efforts
- Worked with legislative affairs officers of other universities
- Collaboration on SB 202

Career Chair - TBD(pgsg.career@gmail.com)

Diversity Officer Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

Diversity team events:

- Traveling while Black VR movie screening on Feb 27 and Mar 1. There are 44 students signed up.

- Empowering Women in STEM speakers session in March:
 - March 6, Dr. Beth Holloway (Professor of Mechanical Engineering), PGSC
 - March 21, Dr. Noori Kim (Asst. Professor of Polytech; Chair of IEEE Women in Engineering Central Indiana). Two other panelists from IU, AAARC
 - Actively searching for Purdue Alumna who work in STEM and reside in the Lafayette/Indy region.

Committee and Engagement:

- Attended University senate meeting on Feb 19. Congratulations on adding Juneteenth to the university calendar!!
- Attended EDIC meeting on Feb 26. Discussed the creation of Southwest Asian and North African Center.
- Attended Graduate School Advisory Board meeting on Feb 19. Discussed PGSG upcoming events. Discussed a potential legislation on improving senate involvement for cultural centers/cultural GSOs.
- Met with AAARC director Dr. Sari on Feb 23. Discussed potential collaboration on AAPI Heritage Month in April/May.
 - Women in STEM's one session will be held in AAARC.
- Met with the author, senate chair, and LAO to discuss SP24-R002 - *"Resolution opposing Indiana Senate Bill 202"*
- Attended PGSG meetings (e-board, senate, team nights).

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

- Organized literature Club every Saturday
- Organized Big Grad Event_Lunar New Year Celebration on Feb 2nd at PGSC, made the flyer
- Organized Research-O-Rama on Feb 3rd at WLPL, made the flyers
- Met online with CAPS and Purdue Online to discuss MHAW video production
- Met with Purdue Parking to discuss parking for Tom's Coffee cart.
- Finished MHAW video production in collaboration with Purdue Online and CAPS
- Met online with Furry Foster for collaboration of Cat Yoga for MHAW
- Met with CoRec and D.A.O Club for collaboration of dancing workshop for MHAW
- Made MHAW flyers
- Attended ULC committee meeting as graduate represent

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

- Hosted an Ice Skating Event on Feb 16th from 10pm-Midnight, rented out the whole rink and expected around 60 people to show up, over 110 ended up coming!
- Planned out a movie night to watch Dune pt.2 on March 2nd (opening weekend) for 240 people (this is a much larger event, typically only do movie nights for ~130 people). With the timing of it, it will become part of the MHAW list of events for grad students

- Scheduled Coffee Corner events for this semester, one in early March and another in early April
- Trying to plan out Grad Student Appreciation Week events (April 1-5th)
- Attended the URPC monthly meeting
- Attended the RecWell Advisory Board monthly meeting

Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes (gracchair@purduegradstudents.com)

- Updated all team Schwag points
- Attended BOSO meeting regarding the implementation of the transitional housing and accessibility grants
- Attended e-board meetings
- Attended senate meetings
- Met with senators regarding implementing a GRAC survey
- Total Budget \$83,786.24/ \$191,700 = 43% Spent
- Mental Health Partnership- \$125 spent/ \$1,500.00- 8.3% spent.
- Strategic Partnership Grant - \$0.00/ \$2,000.00- 0% spent.
- Graduate Student Equipment 31% spent
 - Fall- \$1,254.00/ \$2,500
 - Spring- \$332.51/ \$2,500
- Professional-54% spent 21,935.24/ \$40,570.00
- GSOGA- 48% spent \$19,001/ \$40,000.00
- Symposium -60% spent \$6900/\$11,500
- Travel- 48.17%% spent \$35,950/ \$74,630.00
 - (NOTE: Graduate School Tier 3, \$22,500/\$45,000.00; 50% spent)
- Note: Virtual asynchronous voting:
 - Monthly Voting January Round: All eligible applications awarded
 - Professional Grant
 - 17 applications received, 7 ineligible
 - 7 applications reviewed, 7 applications funded

▪ 1	\$750.00
▪ 1	\$750.00
▪ 1	\$750.00
▪ .92	\$689.86
▪ .83	\$662.01
▪ .82	\$578.79
▪ .80	\$600
▪	TOTAL \$4736.90
 - GSOGA

- 2 applications
 - 2 applications reviewed, 2 applications funded
 - 1 \$1490
 - 1 \$1490
 - **TOTAL: \$2980**
- Travel Grant
 - X applications received, 40 eligible
 - 40 applications reviewed, 22 funded
 - Tier 1: 5 x \$750.00
 - Tier 2: 6 x \$500
 - Tier 3: 12 x \$250 (with \$50 supplement from Graduate school)
 - **Total: \$10300 (PGSG) \$3600 (GS)**

March Report

President - Somosmita Mitra (pgsg.president@gmail.com)

- Organized EBoard.
- Multiple email exchanges with President, Provost and Vice Provost.
- Met with Action Council and prep meeting.
- Met with SAO and BOSO.
- Met with Board of Trustee member and PSG president.
- Secured additional \$10k in funding from graduate school.
- Biweekly meetings with Advisor and Treasurer.
- Multiple email exchanges with SAO and BOSO regarding the THG and Accessibility grants.
- Continued coordination for the Rides2U program, used this as an pilot initiative to advocate for Purdue to take it up as a project for all students at Purdue. Currently submitted for review and awaiting implementation in April.
- Continued monitoring and issuing of the shuttle vouchers to ORD/IND.
- Liaise with Graduate School for GSAW planning.
- Continued meetings with Dean of Students and Vice Provost of Student Life.
- Meeting with Reindeer to purchase more shuttle vouchers.
- Meeting with SLAB.
- Scheduled transitionalary board meeting for May 1.

Chief of Staff - Benjamin Fakunle (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

- **Organized and conducted Teams Night for the month of March**

- **Coordinated the Career team Election of (Chair, Vice Chair and Recorder)**
- **Recruited new members to the team**
- **Submitted APF for Eboard Team Bonding Event**
- **Attended Senate meeting.**
- **Attended Eboard meeting**
- **Recruited new members to PGSG**
- **Responded to emails making enquiries about PGSG**

Treasurer - Shuangting Li (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Continued meetings with BOSO and SAO
 - Discussing feedback about FCO amendments feedback
- Continued to update and maintain a record of all PGSG expenses.
- Attended action council meeting
 - Provide a recap of MHAW
 - Discussing the graduate student housing
- Help diversity team order earbuds for black movie screen activity, t-shirts for Empowering Women in STEM from Amazon
- Biweekly meetings with Advisor and president.
- Respond emails about PGSG expenses and student travel/professional grant reimbursement
- Attended senate meeting and team night
- Attended Eboards meeting

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

Public Relations - Rajni K. Sah(pgsg.pro@gmail.com)

- Met with the PR Committee members and appointed two Vice PRs
 - Discussed the roles and responsibility of each member
 - Shalom Kpetsu will continue as Vice PR1
 - She will continue working on the weekly newsletter and GRAC newsletter
 - Three members were interested in the Vice PR2 position
 - Responsibility of Vice PR2 was announced
 - Senate-PRO point of contact
 - Coordinate with Senate clerk to upload Senate meeting minutes and legislations on website

- Maintain database of all the legislations and bills passed during the senate meeting
 - PGSG and Team events publicity to wider audience through local news coverage - newspaper and TV channel
- Interested members gave short pitch on why they should be selected as Vice PR2
- Apekshya Chhetri was appointed as Vice PR2
 - Details can be found in the meeting minutes [here](#)
- Designed flyer for Life team GSAW events
- Publicized and attended MHAW events to take photo and video for social media stories and posts
- Updated new event flyer and info on the website
- Edited website to make it more accessible
 - Updated Senate page with details and senate documents for the upcoming PGSS meeting. Upcoming senate meeting documents are uploaded for easy access before the meeting.

Parliamentarian - Andrew Mitchell (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

- **Attended all relevant meetings**
- **Advised GRAC chair on development of GRAC Code of Operations**
- **Passed 9 pieces of legislation from LRC to Senate Chair**
- **Discussed election proceedings and requirements with senate chair**
- **Discussed current governing documents requirement for representation of PIN students with Senate Chair in response to a request from Advisor**
- **3 pieces of legislation are still pending in LRC**
- **LRC will begin drafting a final Governing Document Review Report**

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

- Organized Empowering Women in STEM Forum (three sessions held, with over 100 participants)
 - Reached out to panelists, confirming dates and logistics
 - Ordered food and reserved space
 - Designed flyer & Instagram post, wrote marketing messages
 - Facilitated two sessions
- Met with AAARC Director to discuss April programming
 - potential movie night featuring Asian & Asian American community
 - potential between AAARC x Purdue Asian Alum Network x PGSG community on book Be Water
 - looking for faculty & graduate student research from the Asian & Asian American community
- Met with community team about Arab American Heritage Month, Holi, and Eid al-Fitr

- Met with Queer Graduate Student Association, AgEcon GSO, HTM GSA and other three grad org on their upcoming event
 - diversity team contribute \$300 to their collaborative trivia-networking event
- Attended senate meeting and team night

Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

Career Chair - Akshita Ramya Kamsali (pgsg.career@gmail.com)

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

- Held Literature Club on Mar 9 and 16, 2024.
- Reached out to AIF for potential collaboration on Holi.
- Reached out to CHM GSO for collaboration on Detrash Wabash River Volunteer opportunities.

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

- Dune pt. 2 movie night with 240 attendees
- Coffee Corner event held at Greyhouse
- URPC general meeting for March
- RecWell Advisory board meeting
- Preparation for Graduate Student Appreciation Week (April 1-5th)

Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes (pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com)

April Report:

President - Somosmita Mitra(pgsg.president@gmail.com)

Chief of Staff - (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

Treasurer - Shuangting Li (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Continued to update and maintain a record of all PGSG expenses
- Continued to meet students during office hour for travel/professional grant
- Respond emails about PGSG expenses and student travel/professional grant reimbursement
- Meeting with BOSO - Discussing and resolving the confusion regarding travel/professional grant reimbursement
- Biweekly meetings with Advisor and president.
- Discussing and planning annual budget 2024-2025
- Attended senate meeting and team night
- Attended Eboards meeting
- supported the activities of other teams (life team, community team) by efficiently processing and signing essential documents so taht these teams to conduct their activities effectively

Senate Chair - Josiah Davidson (pgsg.senatechair@gmail.com)

Public Relations - Rajni Sah(pgsg.pro@gmail.com)

1. Attended PGSG eboard meeting, team nights and senate meeting
2. Helped design publicity material for PGSG events- Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW), PGSG Election, Resume Review event
3. Publicized events on website, social media accounts and through weekly newsletter
4. Special on-demand newsletter shared for GSAW, Eclipse and Purdue NCAA Final Four event
5. Facilitated Eclipse glass distribution during Spring picnic
6. Received and resolved queries and feedback from Purdue graduate students
7. Reviewed and voted on Strategic Partnership grant application
8. Contacting graduate school to retrieve list of Purdue Indianapolis graduate student for weekly newsletter

Parliamentarian - (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

Diversity Officer - Rachel Zhang (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

Legislative Affairs - Alex Seto (pgsg.lad@gmail.com)

Career Chair - (pgsg.career@gmail.com)

Community Chair - Qiangyue Wang(pgsg.community@gmail.com)

1. Held literature club events every Saturday 4-6 PM at Stone Hall.
2. Reached out to AIF for collaboration to hold Holi 12-4 PM April 6 at Memorial Mall. Funded \$400 to the event. Made the flyer.
3. Reached out to CHM department GSO for collaboration to hold Detrash Wabash River.

Life Chair - Michael Zimmerman (pgsg.life@gmail.com)

0. RecWell Advisory board meeting, talking about the Master Plan and what renovations are in the works for the Rec
0. URPC meeting, mainly focused on determining the chair for next year's term
0. GSAW
 - a. Coffee Corner, Movie Night, Free lunches, Pottery Painting, Snack Packs, Game Night, Spring Picnic
 - a. Great turnout at all of these events, hope everyone was able to make it out and feel appreciated by PGSG
0. Preparation for a final Life Team Event, a Formal Finale event at the PMUnion Hotel ballroom to end the semester
0. Preparations for last team night and encouraging all team members to consider running for the Chair or VC positions for next year!

Grant Review and Allocation Chair - Ali Holmes (pgsg.grantreview@gmail.com)

