



Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)

11th Senate Meeting, In-person at FRNY G124

Thursday, March 6th, 2025; 6:10 PM - **End Time: 8:07 PM**

Virtual: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/94073751308>

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

II. Roll Call*

- A. 38 out of 55 Senators, quorum (28) is met
- B. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
 - a. List of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates will be appended to these minutes (Appendix A).
- C. Senator Roll Call will be appended to these minutes (Appendix B).
- D. Executive Officers:
 - a. Present:
 - i. Chief of Staff
 - ii. Senate Chair
 - iii. Parliamentarian
 - iv. Diversity Team Chair
 - v. GRAC Chair
 - vi. Community Team Chair
 - vii. Career Team Chair
 - viii. Legislative Affairs Officer
 - b. Absent:
 - i. President
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Public Relations Officer
 - iv. Community Team Chair
 - v. Career Team Chair
 - vi. Life Team Chair

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to waive the reading of the meeting minutes from February 9th by
 - a. second by HIST
- B. Motion to approve the from February 9th minutes Physics
 - a. second by ME
 - b. general consent
- C. Motion to waive reading by Senate Chair
 - a. General consent
- D. Motion to approve by Nursing
 - a. Second by Math
 - b. General consent

IV. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Motion to approve by GRAC
 - a. Second by Communication
 - b. General consent
- B. Motion to amend by GRAC bill - "Bill to provide funds to the PGSC snack cupboard"
 - a. second by physics
 - b. general consent
- C. motion to approve by HIST

- a. Second by languages and cultures
- b. General consent

V. Special order

VI. Officer reports

- A. President
- B. GRAC
 - a. Resigning from position at the end of the day
- C. Diversity
 - a. Updated about the president diversity team
- D. Legislative Affairs officer
 - a. 2017 tax bill during President of the US last term to tax graduate student tuitions - estimated \$4000 more
 - i. call or email your senators if you are registered to vote
 - ii. senate chair says that this is an existential threat so please stand together
- E. Parliamentarian
 - a. Concerns about peoples votes not being recorded as they wish - roll call desirable (recorded vote)
 - i. to be in line with bylaws will announce if someone wants to do a roll call
 - 1. Senate chair will have a paper that we

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Introduction of Emergency Legislation SP25-R00X: “Financial Snapshot Resolution”

- a. Motion to introduce SP25-R00X: “Financial Snapshot Resolution” by GRAC
 - i. Read by Senate Chair
 - ii. Second by HIST
 - iii. General consent
- b. Procedural vote to consider emergency legislation
 - i. Uncounted rising vote, ayes have it

B. Introduction of Emergency Legislation SP25-B00X :“Bill to provide funds to the PGSC snack cupboard”

- a. Motion to introduce SP25-R00X: “Bill to provide funds to the PGSC snack cupboard” by GRAC
 - i. Read by Senate Chair
 - ii. Second by ME
 - iii. General consent
- b. Procedural vote
 - i. Uncounted rising vote, ayes have it

C. Consideration of Emergency Legislation

D. SP25-R00X: “Financial Snapshot Resolution”

- a. assigned # SP25 - R005
- b. Sponsor report: Chemistry Senator
 - i. Chemistry waived to Andrew Mitchell on LRC committee
 - 1. Questions about the budget to the Treasurers that were not listed or line items that dont make sense, when asked no response from the Treasurer– we need to know where the money is going and how it is spending
- c. Parli
 - i. emergency legislation no ruling on constitutionality since emergency legislation
- d. President report read by senate chair
 - i. reading of how much was in the account in the 2023-2024 year – discusses that used to help graduate students
 - 1. 100,000 left remaining at end of 2023-2024 year
 - ii. if need be they encourage to amend the budget if need to change line items
 - iii. 2024 update about the budget and there were unexpected expenses
- e. Questions seeking factual clarification:
 - i. moving on since no questions
- f. Discussion:
 - i. For the legislation by COS
 - 1. transparent about spending doesn’t make sense why
 - ii. Motion to end discussion by senator
 - 1. Second by HIST
 - 2. General consent
- g. Vote:
 - i. Move to vote by roll call by Parli

1. second by GRAC
 - ii. motion to move for recess while we figure out discord for the vote by GRAC
 1. second by
 2. general consent
 - iii. In favor, 30; Materials Engineering on zoom
 1. Rachana [IMPH, substitute Senator] vote does not count after the minute mark
 - iv. Present, 38
 - v. Legislation adopted
- h. SP25-B00X: "Bill to provide funds to the PGSC snack cupboard"
 - i. Sponsor report HIST yield time to GRAC
 1. \$1000 to restock the PGSC snack cupboard since there was not any left according to center coordinator
 - ii. Parli
 1. No ruling or constitutionality and not reviewed by LRC since emergency legislation
 - iii. President report:
 1. the president did not stop this it was projects that was in charge of it
 - iv. Questions seeking factual clarification:
 1. question by Communications about location of cupboard
 2. GRAC the food cupboard near entrance
 - v. should we allocate more about a senator more in budget
 1. GRAC said \$1000 more than enough
 - vi. what was the money used for before AAE
 1. GRAC responds about the projects
 - a. clarification again by another senator for other projects
 - i. GRAC used for projects the senate funds for other graduate students
 - vii. Discussion:
 1. no question
 2. Motion to end discussion by
 - a. Second by GRAC
 - b. General consent
 - viii. Vote:
 - i. Move to vote by roll call by Parli
 - i. second by GRAC
 - j. motion to move for recess while we figure out discord for the vote by GRAC
 - i. second by
 - ii. general consent
 - k. In favor, 30 Materials Engineering alternative Jasmyne Emerson on zoom
 - l. Present, 38
 - m. Legislation adopted

A. Consideration of Legislation SP25-R003: "Establishing MENA Option"

- a. SP25-R003: "Establishing MENA Option"
 - i. Sponsor report by Mathematics
 1. the ethnicity/race is not an option when you are asked for race and ethnicity data
 - a. more representation of it
 - ii. Parli
 1. purpose of resolution ask Purdue to add MENA as an option
 2. comes from PSG (undergrad) joint resolution
 3. constitutional with minor revisions
 4. joint resolutions - language has to be same for PSG and PGSG
 - iii. President report:
 1. no report
 - iv. Questions seeking factual clarification:
 1. is this normal for other institutions by a senator
 - a. mathematics at UC system and other universities
 2. what option did they have before by a senator
 - a. Mathematics have to put that they are caucasian instead because there is no other option
 3. COS questions why there was no report for emergency legislation by not the ones that have already been on the floor
 - a. senate chair confirms no report
 4. HIST asks about MENA vs SWANA
 - a. Mathematics says SWANA not author was not here due to emergency

5. was MENA identifying people asked about their input?
 - a. cannot answer as only the sponse
- v. Discussion:
 1. Against by HIST doubts on this for categorizing
 2. Against by COS, yield time to Josiah former senate chair
 - a. two joint legislation for SWANA – there was a lot of input from community and cultural center
 - b. need more clarification or information for it
 3. Motion to table legislations until the author can be present by GRAC
 - a. Second by Physics
 - b. legislation on table until next meeting

B. Consideration of Legislation SP25-R004: “Move-in Package” Resubmission

- a. SP25-R004: “Move-in Package” Resubmission
 - i. Sponsor report by ABE
 1. resolution to give new students some money to settle in and other moving expenses
 - ii. Parli
 1. purpose of legislation to ask purdue to give loan to students to for the weeks that they dont have a paycheck (back on floor for 3rd time bc of feedback)– university and policy committee asked for changes so they can present to Purdue
 2. constitutional
 - iii. President report:
 1. no report
 - iv. Questions seeking factual clarification:
 1. what changes have been made
 - a. how we can get the loans and do we have interest to pay it back
 2. what is the interest rate and how much would it be by a senator
 - a. senate chair – paid back within first semester and should remain interest free
 3. Materials Engineering alterative –what percentage would be taken out of the paycheck?
 - a. ABE says it will be decided by the salary by Purdue
 - b. no percent set for this?
 - i. ABE not right now
 4. is there a good reason for them to pay back within the first semester by a senator
 - a. ABE within the fall semester since it is not more than \$1500 we are asking for the loan so they can pay in that time
 5. is there a reason for a semester or can it be discussed for longer by HIST senator ?
 - a. ABE we would need an optimum model that we need to start with
 6. was the survey size enough to account for the people that would actually want this loan AAT senator ?
 - a. ABE the number of participants was small but only used it for certain things
 - v. Discussion:
 1. Against Materials Engineering –the fact that it would have to be paid within the fall semester
 2. motion to make an amendment by GRAC
 - a. remove the “or out” because redundant
 - i. second by HIST
 - b. questions for factual clarification
 - i. no questions
 - c. discussion
 - i. end the discussion
 - ii. second by HIST
 - d. Vote
 - i. Uncounted rising vote, ayes have it
 3. motion to amend by senator –an interest 2% and also 1 or two semester – a small interest but for a longer time
 - a. point of privilege by Parli – if you would like to think about this and then later can come
 - b. second NONE
 - i. motion fails
 4. ATT senator asked about if it is interest free
 5. motion to amend legislation from loan to payroll advance Materials Engineering alterative
 - a. second by HIST
 - b. questions of factual clarifications
 - i. ABE cant because you cant be paid before you start working
 - ii. if we use payroll will it be deducted from your paycheck

1. Materials Engineering it says that in the legislation
- c. discussion
 - i. Parli talked about why use loan
 - ii. Against by ATT
 - iii. For by HIST we would like to have is as in favor as possible for the students
 - iv. Against by ABE we started with payroll but the committee said that they cannot do that
 - v. point of order by Parli sponsor can comment but need to exhaust other people
 - vi. motion to make an amendment of loan to loan (i.e.; payroll advance)
 1. questions of factual clarification
 - a. ABE why the wording
 - i. COS trying to help ABE
 - ii. motion to end questions by HIST
 - iii. second by Mathematics
 2. discussion
 - a. against Andrew Mitchell LRC use of loan and payroll advance – loan you can receive before you start
 - b. question can we change the amendment to the amendment to the amendment
 - c. advisor of PGSG states that keep it as simple as possible as it will get difficult to follow through
 - d. motion to end by HIST
 - e. second by physics
 3. Vote
 - a. nay have it; it fails
 - vii. motion to end the discussion HIST
 1. second physics
 2. general consent
- d. Vote
 - i. nay have it; it fails
6. motion to end the discussion GRAC
 - a. second physics
7. Motion to end discussion by
 - a. Second by
 - b. General consent
- vi. Vote:
 1. Motion to vote by roll call by Parli
 - a. second by GRAC
 2. motion to move for recess while we figure out discord for the vote by GRAC
 - a. second by
 3. general consent
 4. In favor, 28–Materials Engineering and BME on zoom
 5. Present, 38
 6. Legislation adopted

C. Consideration of Legislation SP25-B001: “Professional Development Grant”

- a. SP25-B001: “Professional Development Grant”
 - i. Sponsor report by HIST yield to author GRAC
 1. request more money and remove the 2 month timeline
 - ii. Parli
 1. constitutional
 - iii. President report:
 1. no report
 - iv. Questions seeking factual clarification:
 1. no questions
 - v. Discussion:
 1. Motion to end discussion by physics
 - a. Second by HIST
 - b. General consent
 - vi. Vote:
 1. In favor, 28
 2. motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes
 - a. second by HIST

3. Present, 38
4. Legislation adopted

D. Consideration of Legislation SP25-B002: “Travel Grant”

- a. SP25-B002: “Travel Grant”
 - i. Sponsor report by HIST yield to author GRAC
 1. same as previous
 - ii. Parli
 1. constitutional
 - iii. President report:
 1. no report
 - iv. Questions seeking factual clarification:
 1. no questions
 - v. Discussion:
 1. ATT the money before or after
 - a. GRAC clarifies
 2. Motion to end discussion by HIST
 - a. Second by AAE
 - b. General consent
 - vi. Vote:
 1. In favor, 28 Materials Engineering on zoom
 2. Present, 31
 3. Legislation adopted

X. Announcements

1. motion to extend meeting 3 minutes by senate chair
 - a. seconded
 - b. general consent
2. senate chair
 - a. thank you for passing the most legislation
 - b. 2 senators to help annual report
3. Jeff advisor
 - a. anyone wants to talk about roles or anything like exec position please come to me, email or talk
4. Andrew Mitchell LRC
 - a. Tomorrow stand up for science at 12PM–event in Indy

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by senate chair
 - a. Adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Reference documents:

1. [Financial Code of Operations.](#)
2. [PGSG Constitution.](#)
3. [PGSG ByLaws.](#)
4. If you are not already on the discord, please follow this link: <https://discord.gg/kXPPfv24>

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APPENDIX A

NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS AND ALTERNATES

[SEE ATTACHED ONE (1) PAGE]

Alternative	
Program	Alternative Name
EAPS	Henry Manelski
Materials Engineering	Jasmyne Emerson

APPENDIX B

SENATOR ROLL CALL

[SEE ATTACHED TWO (2) PAGES]

Program	Senator	
Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE)	Arjun Rajashekar Adiga	1
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE)	Harsh Pathak	1
Agricultural Economics	Emily Forsythe	1
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC)	Aimable Mugabo	
Agronomy	Binod Joshi (N)	
Animal Sciences	Iqra Nazir	1
Anthropology	Taylor Symone Borgelt	1
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT)	Gustavo Sanchez Cortes	1
Biochemistry	Gaoya (Grace) Meng	1
Biological Sciences	Ayomide Olohigbe Unuigbokhai	1
Biomedical Engineering	Mikayla Roach	1
Botany and Plant Pathology (BPP)	Pascal Okoye	
Chemical Engineering	Katherine L. Young	1
Chemistry	Samson Marvellous Oladeji	1
Civil Engineering	Deepak Benny	1
Communication	Clara Elisa Hortua Alvarado	1
Computer Graphics Technology	Anant Upadhyay	1
Computer Science (CS)	Mahmood, Syed Hasan Amin	
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	Jacob Mishne	1
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS)	Vincent Sassard	1
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE)	Ariana Jolie Lazo (N)	
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)	Nimit Agarwal (N)	1
Engineering Education	Anyerson Cuervo	
English	Dylan Henderson	
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE)	Yiming Liu	1
Food Science	Daniel Alfonso Fajardo Reyes	
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR)	Delaney Frances Jones	1
Health Sciences	Marwan Alajlouni	1
History	Srishti Dutta Chowdhury	1
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA)	Khadija Mbacke	
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM)	Kasey Paige Riha	1
Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS)	Can Carkoglu	1
Industrial and Molecular Pharmaceutics (IMPH)	Rachana Sapkota	1
Industrial Engineering	Kamelia Sepanloo	
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC)	Tuba Marjan	
Languages and Cultures	Nafiu Olayiwola Oloore	1
Management (MGMT)	Rajeev Karunanayake	1
Materials Engineering	Ankit Kumar	1
Mathematics	Geoffrey Baring	1

Mechanical Engineering (ME)	Aishwary Shrivastava	1
Nuclear Engineering (NE)	Stepan Ozerov	1
Nutrition Science	Rojina Thapa	1
Philosophy	James Harry Day	
Physics and Astronomy	Allen Roy Murray (N)	1
Political Science	Sarandan Green	1
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe)	Emmanuel Oluwarotimi	1
Sociology	Juwen Wang	1
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (TLI)	Elnara Mammadova	
Art & Design	Carolyn Guerin (N)	
Computer and Information Technology (CIT)	El Breidi, Khalil	
Economics	Navid Safahieh	1
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology	Jude Tetteh Quarshie	
Nursing	Christelle Altidor	1
Electrical and Computer engineering (ECE) (INDY)	Avijit Saha	
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)	Nguyen Le	
Mechanical Engineering (ME) (INDY)	Shahrazad Ghadiri jafarbeigloo	1
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