



## Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)

8th Senate Meeting, FRNY G124

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 6:00 PM - **End Time: 8:00 PM**

Virtual: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/97823919965>

Guest Speaker: John Eckman, Assistant Vice Provost for Student Life

- Discussed housing and dining on campus and opportunities for graduate student employment in these areas.

### **AGENDA**

#### **I. Call to Order**

- A. Parliamentarian appointed as acting clerk for the meeting.
- B. Meeting called to order at 6:21 PM

#### **II. Roll Call\***

- A. 40 out of 55 Senators, quorum (28) is/is not met
- B. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates**
  1. 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:
  1. Present:
    - a) President
    - b) Chief of Staff
    - c) Treasurer
    - d) Senate Chair
    - e) Parliamentarian
    - f) Diversity Team Chair
    - g) Legislative Affairs Officer
  2. Absent:
    - a) Public Relations Officer
    - b) GRAC Chair
    - c) Community Team Chair
    - d) Career Team Chair
    - e) Life Team Chair

#### **III. Approval of Minutes (*General Consent*)**

- A. Motion to waive reading by Senate Chair
  1. General consent
- B. Motion to approve by Parli
  1. Second by Philosophy
  2. General consent

#### **IV. Approval of the Agenda**

- A. Motion to amend agenda to add items for Introduction of Emergency Legislation and Consideration of Emergency Legislation by Parli
  1. Second by EAPS
  2. General consent
- B. Motion to waive reading by Parli
  1. Second by Nursing
  2. General consent
- C. Motion to approve by Parli
  1. Second by BME
  2. General consent

#### **V. Special Order to Nominate and Elect a Senate Clerk**

- A. Diversity Officer nominates Abigail Novak for the position
- B. No further nominations received

- C. Presentation of Qualifications
  - 1. Candidate: I am excited for the opportunity, I have experience from undergrad and master's. I am familiar with parliamentary procedure.
- D. Questions
  - 1. Philosophy: How long do you see yourself in this role?
    - a) Candidate: Until May. But I will be here for a while since I'm here for PhD.
  - 2. IMPH: Where was your previous graduate experience?
    - a) Candidate: University of Maine.
  - 3. Diversity Officer: As a Diversity Team member, how will you translate your skills?
    - a) Candidate: Through building connections and skills in organizing events.
- E. Discussion
  - 1. **For Diversity Officer:**
    - a) She is good at taking minutes. She took minutes at the stipend listening session that were important for developing the report. She is active in event planning in the Diversity Team. She is very consistent and a good candidate.
  - 2. Motion to end discussion by Chief of Staff
    - a) Second by Philosophy
    - b) General consent
- F. Vote
  - 1. In favor, 34
  - 2. Present, 37
  - 3. Candidate elected.

## **VI. Officer Reports**

- A. Officer Reports will be appended to these minutes (Appendix C).
- B. President:
  - 1. Lyft program that started this week issued 100 vouchers each worth \$20, all were claimed within the first six minutes. ~6 people have used the vouchers so far.
  - 2. Equitable parking resolution:
    - a) URPC (committee of the University Senate) says that discounting A permits for grad students would be unfair to staff who earn less than grad students.
    - b) They cannot recommend the current proposal, but they are supportive of grad students being eligible for A permits at non-discounted rates.
    - c) We need to determine exactly who should be eligible for what and at what time. The author will work on this.
    - d) Airport parking lot to Martin Jischke route did not work out so well.
  - 3. Move-in package resolution:
    - a) Purdue cannot pay us beforehand for services not provided.
    - b) Purdue *can* provide a loan of that money, then the first paycheck would pay off that loan.
    - c) University Senate requires modifications to this resolution that may be introduced today as emergency legislation.
  - 4. Question from Civil Engineering:
    - a) President: 8 grad students used it. I do not know if it would look different this year.
    - b) President: We can work with PRO to get a survey out.
  - 5. Question from ESE: Do you know about Indiana SB 235 which would target DEI at Purdue, possibly affecting cultural centers among other aspects?
    - a) President: I only heard about it this afternoon from a professor at Purdue Univ. Northwestern
    - b) President: Professor mentioned changing from DEI to NEI
    - c) President: I am not familiar with the legislation but I will get back to you through the Senate Chair or through officer reports.
    - d) President: I will not be able to hear about this through any Purdue meetings except the President's Advisory Council, I cannot report back.

## **VII. Old Business**

## **VIII. New Business**

### **A. Introduction of Emergency Legislation**

- 1. Motion to introduce SP25-R00X by EAPS
  - a) Second by Physics
  - b) General consent
  - c) Read by Senate Chair
- 2. Procedural vote
  - a) Uncounted rising vote, ayes have it
  - b) Assigned number SP25-R001

### **B. Consideration of Emergency Legislation**

**1. SP25-R001 “Move-in Package for Incoming Graduate Staff”**

- a) Sponsor report (EAPS):
  - (1) Second-to-last clause change is the only change
  - (2) Changing package to loan.
- b) Parli
  - (1) No report on constitutionality since this is emergency legislation.
  - (2)  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote or majority of entire membership required to adopt.
- c) President report:
  - (1) Changing the loan payback period to three months is very pertinent.
  - (2) Perhaps add 0% interest.
- d) Questions seeking factual clarification:
  - (1) Civil Engineering:
- e) Discussion:
  - (1) ESE (point of information):
  - (2) EAPS (parliamentary inquiry): When are amendments in order?
    - (a) Senate Chair: now.
  - (3) Motion to end discussion by Physics
    - (a) Second by IMPH
    - (b) General consent
- f) Vote:
  - (1) In favor, 30
  - (2) Present, 31
  - (3) Legislation adopted

**IX. Announcements**

- A. President:
  - 1. We will start a series of interactions with every team as we readjust our budget to accommodate Indianapolis. We want to hear about what team leadership did and how you would like it modified for future cohorts.
- B. Senate Chair:
  - 1. Mug giveaway, online senators can come pick up any leftover mugs at PGSC.

**X. Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn by Biological Sciences
  - 1. Second by IMPH
  - 2. General consent
  - 3. Adjourned at 7:11 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]

New Senators	
Department	Name
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM)	Kasey Paige Riha

## **APPENDIX B**

### **SENATOR ROLL CALL**

[SEE ATTACHED THREE (3) PAGES]

Program Name	Senator	
Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE)	Arjun Rajashekar Adiga	Present
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 Olohighbe Unuigbokhai	1
Biomedical Engineering	Mikayla Roach	1
Botany and Plant Pathology (BPP)	Pascal Okoye	
Chemical Engineering	Katherine L. Young	1
Chemistry	Samson Marvellous Oladeji	
Civil Engineering	Deepak Benny	1
Communication	Clara Elisa Hortua Alvarado	
Computer Science (CS)	Mahmood, Syed Hasan Amin	1
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	Jacob Mishne	Alternate
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS)	Vincent Sassard	1
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE)	Ariana Jolie Lazo (N)	1
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)	Nimit Agarwal (N)	1
Engineering Education	Anyerson Cuervo	1
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	
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 Pharmaceuticals (IMPH)	Rachana Sapkota	1
Industrial Engineering	Kamelia Sepanloo	1
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC)	Tuba Marjan	1
Languages and Cultures	Nafiu Olayiwola Oloore	1
Management (MGMT)	Rajeev Karunanayake	1
Materials Engineering	Ankit Kumar	1
Mathematics	Geoffrey Baring	

Mechanical Engineering (ME)	Aishwary Shrivastava	1
Nuclear Engineering (NE)	Stepan Ozerov	1
Nutrition Science	Rojina Thapa	1
Philosophy	James Harry Day	1
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	1
Economics	Navid Safahieh	
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology	Jude Tetteh Quarshie	
Nursing	Christelle Altidor	1
Electrical and Computer engineering (ECE) (INDY)	Avijit Saha	1
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)	Nguyen Le	
Mechanical Engineering (ME) (INDY)	Shahrzad Ghadiri jafarbeigloo	1