



Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)

6th Senate Meeting, FRNY G124

Thursday, November 7th, 2024; 6:00 PM - **End Time: 8:00 PM**

Virtual: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/99880051915>

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

- A. Acting Parliamentarian appointed as clerk for the meeting.
- B. Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

II. Roll Call

- A. 41 out of 55 Senators present (as of 6:19 PM), quorum is 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) Public Relations Officer
 - e) Senate Chair
 - f) Diversity Team Chair
 - g) GRAC Chair
 - 2. Absent:
 - a) Legislative Affairs Officer
 - b) Community Team Chair
 - c) Career Team Chair
 - d) Life Team Chair

III. Approval of Minutes (*General Consent*)

- A. Motion to waive reading by Parli
 - 1. Second by President
 - 2. General consent
- B. Motion to approve by Parli
 - 1. Second by Physics
 - 2. General consent

IV. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Senate Chair asks to move Announcements to before Special Orders
 - 1. General consent
- B. Motion to waive reading by Parli
 - 1. Second by FNR
 - 2. General consent
- C. Motion to approve by Philosophy
 - 1. Second by ENE
 - 2. General consent

V. Announcements

- A. Diversity Team Chair
 - 1. November 11, Research Grant and Dissertation Writing Lunch and Learn
 - 2. Attendance encouraged
- B. Parli
 - 1. Advertise Senate Clerk
 - 2. Housing listening session
- C. President
 - 1. Search Committee for next Student Trustee, callout on November 19

2. Transportation listening session has created administrative positions, some updates: airport lot, previously unreachable from other campus routes, will now be served by express route effective within the next two weeks
3. Over 450 garage spots opened for graduate C-permit holders
4. B-spots near stadium have opened for C-permit holders
- D. Senate Chair
 1. Online senators, please turn on cameras
 2. Lenient attendance policy, but please contact after meeting to keep roll call updated
- VI. **Special Orders**
 - A. **Accept the Resignation of the Senate Clerk**
 1. General consent
 - B. **Nominate and Elect a Senate Clerk**
 1. None nominated.
- VII. **Officer Reports**
 - A. Officer reports will be appended to these minutes (Appendix C).
 - B. Approved by general consent
- VIII. **Old Business**
 - A. **FA24-R004 “PGSG Statement of Support for Graduate Students from Lebanon and Palestine”**
 1. Motion to take from table by CS
 - a) Second by ABE
 - b) General consent
 2. Motion to amend by striking Palestinian and Lebanese (moved and seconded at prior meeting)
 - a) Discussion:
 - (1) **For** Aviation
 - (a) Information is erroneous
 - (2) **Against** EAPS
 - (a) Not useful, this is just an example email.
 - (b) Removing this wording diminishes the suffering of those to whom the email is addressed
 - (3) Motion to end discussion by Physics
 - (a) Second by ESE
 - (b) General consent
 - b) Vote:
 - (1) Raising of hands
 - (2) Against, 22
 - (3) For, 0
 - (4) Amendment fails
 3. Discussion
 - a) **Against** Civil Engineering
 - (1) Reading statement: Amendments would be necessary to address all groups affected by disasters
 - (2) Statement: Sources are biased (Gaza Ministry of Health)
 - b) **For** TLI
 - (1) Polytechnic students from the Middle East are affected badly to the point that they cannot work on their dissertation, afraid to speak to advisors
 - (2) Afraid due to mental toll and grief
 - (3) PGSG focuses on mental health
 - (4) Urges crafting of legislation to support other groups
 - c) **Against** Aviation
 - (1) Many innocents are suffering in this conflict, but the information is not reliable
 - (2) President Biden said that the information is not reliable
 - (3) No statement for people affected by natural disasters
 - (4) PGSG should stay away from this political topic
 - (5) This statement will not change anything
 - (6) PGSG should focus on more campus issues—students are unable to eat dinner
 - (7) I support innocents, but this will not change anything.
 - d) **For** CIT
 - (1) Since October 7, 2023, my family members in Gaza have died, and 11 friends from my hometown. People are displaced, missing, injured.
 - (2) Other organizations corroborate these numbers, they are facts.
 - (3) There are thousands of students who are mentally broken, I speak on behalf of students like myself.

- e) Diversity Officer (point of information)
 - (1) Mental health support groups on campus could be effective in addressing these issues.
- f) GRAC Chair (point of information)
 - (1) Remember to represent the interests of your department
- g) **For** CGT
 - (1) We should say something because if we don't, who will?
 - (2) Other organizations have said something, I think we should
- 4. Vote
 - a) Raising of hands
 - b) For, 28
 - c) Against, 5
 - d) Resolution adopted

B. FA24-B003 "Creation of a Dispute Resolution Plan Toward Addressing Internal Disputes and Conflicts Within PGSG"

- 1. Motion to take from the table by Philosophy
 - a) Second by Physics
 - b) General consent
- 2. Motion to waive reading by Forestry
 - a) Second by BME
 - b) Opposition from HTM, bill read by Senate Chair
- 3. Sponsor report (TLI)
 - a) Six officers resigned (unknown reasons), I was the Accessibility Vice-Chair
 - b) I resigned due to misuse of power by GRAC Chair, PGSG Advisor disregarding my concerns
 - c) I reached out to all senators, I was thanked by senators who felt like they could not get their concerns resolved
 - d) Original author crafted this legislation in order to add clarity to this process.
 - e) No results after reaching out to PGSG President and other executive officers
- 4. Parli report
 - a) Constitutional.
- 5. President report
 - a) Email did not include that information
 - b) Tired of this narrative and tired of talking about this.
 - c) If you feel like we are unjust, then we are unjust
 - d) I am selfish, but that is me as a human being, not as the PGSG President.
 - e) Since I am being considered biased, I do not want to be on the committee writing the bill of conflict due to my bias
- 6. Questions seeking factual clarification
 - a) CIT to TLI: I am not sure what this legislation is about. Clarify?
 - (1) TLI: When I emailed everyone publicly, there was an unexplained issue by the GRAC Chair at the time (currently Chief of Staff), I asked what's the problem? I got aggressive messages. I tried to approach her and ask what the problem is. She yelled at me. PGSG Senate Chair, Parliamentarian, etc. no response. Did not get a response until after I emailed all senators. The senators who replied to me experienced the same problem. There is no clarity on who to reach out to within PGSG. Since PGSG is such a large organization representing so many students, we need a dispute resolution plan. Another grad student responded to my email more recently saying she feels that PGSG is no longer a safe space.
 - b) President (point of information): Yields to PGSG Advisor
 - (1) Advisor: Conflict within a governmental body will inevitably exist. As the advisor of PGSG, I have never said no to an individual in need. I am typically direct due to my busy schedule, I cannot listen to concerns for hours. I have limited time.
 - c) IMPH to Advisor: Do you think there should be a dispute resolution plan?
 - (1) Advisor: Maybe not as formalized as suggested in this legislation. I think it should be organic and informal. This would not necessarily get the desired end result.
 - d) Advisor to TLI: I was not consulted regarding my role in developing this plan, I don't think I should be involved.
 - (1) TLI: My scheduled meeting with the PGSG Advisor shrank from an hour to 15 minutes after trying for months to get a meeting. I reached out to people with no resolution until March 26.
 - e) GRAC Chair to TLI (and others): Were any of the mentioned parties approached besides the PGSG Advisor?
 - (1) TLI: The Parliamentarian and Senate Chair were present, the President was not.

- (2) Senate Chair: Yes, I was approached and I would be willing to serve on the committee.
 - (3) President: In the LRC meeting, I said I did not have the bandwidth for this, then I was forced to do it. This made me feel uncomfortable.
 - (4) Parli: I was in the LRC meeting, I would serve as required.
 - f) President (information): October of last year, a stipulation came into place that team members accruing more than 0 points were eligible for a sweatshirt. A GRAC team member sent me an email stating that they were unfairly denied a sweatshirt since they had points. GRAC Chair and vice-chairs (not present) confirmed that this member had 0 points and was thus ineligible for a sweatshirt. I conveyed this to the team member. In November, the member had >0 points, but the sweatshirt was based on October points. Do what you feel is best, but I want to be removed.
 - g) TLI (information): The eligibility reported by the President is not accurate. I can share the emails with everyone.
 - h) Motion to end questions by GRAC chair
 - (1) Second by Forestry
 - (2) General consent
7. Discussion
- a) **Against** GRAC Chair:
 - (1) Yields to former Senate Chair
 - (2) Former Senate Chair: I will not speak on the merits of the dispute, the bill should not be considered with regard to that dispute. It is not in order to force a member to write legislation. In my opinion, this bill should be rejected in its current form and a willing member should write legislation to the same effect.
 - b) **Against** Forestry:
 - (1) I started in August so I don't know about the dispute, but it is not fair to force people to do things. We are grown adults, arguing about a sweatshirt does show a need for a dispute resolution plan.
 - c) **For** TLI:
 - (1) This legislation voices the concerns of ex-officers who left quietly. After almost a year, this issue is still unresolved. This is being discussed on the floor for the first time now.
 - d) **Against** GRAC Chair:
 - (1) I am opposed because we shouldn't force others' hands. Other legislation involves communication with people involved, and this does not seem to be the case here. We could text everyone in the organization, but don't force.
 - e) Motion to end discussion by GRAC Chair
 - (1) Second by IMPH
 - (2) TLI (point of information)
 - (a) Parli: Not in order.
 - (3) General consent
 - f) Vote:
 - (1) Raising of hands
 - (2) For, 4
 - (3) Against, 12
 - (4) Bill fails

IX. New Business

A. Introduction of Emergency Legislation

1. FA24-R005 "Purdue University Voter Accessibility Policy"

- a) Move to introduce by Parli
 - (1) Second by Forestry
 - (2) General consent
 - (3) Read by Senate Chair
- b) Procedural vote
 - (1) Acclamation, the ayes have it

B. Consideration of Emergency Legislation

1. FA24-R005 "Purdue University Voter Accessibility Policy"

- a) Sponsor report (CGT)
 - (1) Yields to PSG Parliamentarian
 - (2) PSG Parliamentarian: Many students are not interested in Tippecanoe County elections, therefore Co-Rec polling location was not sufficient. This was originally written as an absence policy, but ODOS recommended an asynchronous learning day.
 - (3) PSG Sponsor: This has been read over and edited by ODOS. Purdue is not entirely responsible for putting polling locations on campus, so this policy is necessary to compensate. Now is the time more than ever.

- b) Parli report
 - (1) No opinion on constitutionality since this is emergency legislation.
- c) President report:
 - (1) This is important legislation. A joint resolution would speak louder.
 - (2) Motion to suspend to extend by 10 minutes by President
 - (a) Second by Biological Sciences
 - (b) Opposition by Forestry
 - (c) Acclamation, ayes have it
 - (3) Passing this right now would be important. There is a timeline.
- d) Questions seeking factual clarification
 - (1) BME (parliamentary inquiry): Wishes to sponsor
 - (a) Parli: Yes.
 - (2) GRAC Chair: Was PGSG apprised?
 - (a) PSG Parliamentarian: This was a fast turnaround, we contacted PGSG earlier in the week.
 - (b) PSG Sponsor: Contacted before bringing to PSG.
 - (3) Languages and Cultures: Any statistics on people unable to vote?
 - (a) PSG Parliamentarian: We are pulling the data right now. We have 240 responses (graduate and undergraduate).
 - (4) Political Science: You say this is for primary and general election days in even-numbered years, not applicable to local elections?
 - (a) PSG Sponsor: Correct.
 - (b) PSG Parliamentarian: This wording is taken from state law.
 - (c) PSG Sponsor: We don't anticipate scheduling conflicts.
- e) Discussion
 - (1) **For** Parli: I am no longer considering amendments.
 - (2) Motion to end discussion by Philosophy
 - (a) Second by ESE
 - (b) General consent
- f) Vote
 - (1) Acclamation, ayes have it

C. Consideration of New Legislation

X. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 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>

APPENDIX A

NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS AND ALTERNATES

[SEE ATTACHED ONE (1) PAGE]

Alternative			New Senators	
Name	Department		Name	Department
Udeme Idem	ENE		Christelle Altidor	Nursing
Lucas	ABE			

APPENDIX B
SENATOR ROLL CALL

[SEE ATTACHED ONE (1) PAGE]

Program Name	Incoming Senator Name	Present/Absent
Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE)	Arjun Rajashekar Adiga	P
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE)	Harsh Pathak	Alternate
Agricultural Economics	Emily Forsythe	P
Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC)	Aimable Mugabo	A
Agronomy	Binod Joshi (N)	A
Animal Sciences	Iqra Nazir	P
Anthropology	Taylor Symone Borgelt	P
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT)	Gustavo Sanchez Cortes	A
Basic Medical Sciences		
Biochemistry	Gaoya (Grace) Meng	P
Biological Sciences	Ayomide Olohigbe Unuigbokhai	P
Biomedical Engineering	Mikayla Roach	P
Botany and Plant Pathology (BPP)	Pascal Okoye	A
Chemical Engineering	Katherine L. Young	P

Chemistry	Samson Marvellous Oladeji	P
Civil Engineering	Deepak Benny	P
Communication	Clara Elisa Hortua Alvarado	A
Comparative Literature		
Comparative Pathobiology		
Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (CIGP)		
Computer Graphics Technology	Sanjeevani Patankar	P
Computer Science (CS)	Mahmood, Syed Hasan Amin	P
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	Jacob Mishne	P
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS)	Vincent Sassard	P
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE)	Ariana Jolie Lazo (N)	P
Educational Studies		
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)	Nimit Agarwal (N)	P
Engineering Education	Anyerson Cuervo	A
Engineering Management		
Engineering Technology		

English	Dylan Henderson	A
Entomology		
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE)	Yiming Liu	P
Food Science	Daniel Alfonso Fajardo Reyes	Alternate
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR)	Delaney Frances Jones	P
Gerontology		
Global Supply Chain Management (GSM)		
Health Sciences	Marwan Alajlouni	P
History	Srishti Dutta Chowdhury	A
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA)	Khadija Mbacke	P
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM)	Reed Davisson	Alternate
Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS)	Can Carkoglu	P
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy (IPPH)	Rachana Sapkota	P
Industrial Engineering	Kamelia Sepanloo	P
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC)	Tuba Marjan	P
Languages and Cultures	Nafiu Olayiwola Oloore	P
Management (MGMT)	Rajeev Karunanayake	P

Materials Engineering	Ankit Kumar	A
Mathematics	Geoffrey Baring	P
Mechanical Engineering (ME)	Aishwary Shrivastava	P
Nuclear Engineering (NE)	Stepan Ozerov	P
Nutrition Science	Rojina Thapa	A
Philosophy	James Harry Day	P
Philosophy and Literature		
Physics and Astronomy	Allen Roy Murray (N)	P
Political Science	Sarandan Green	P
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe)	Emmanuel Oluwarotimi	P
Sociology	Juwen Wang	P
Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS)		
Statistics		
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (TLI)	Elnara Mammadova	A
Veterinary Clinical Sciences (VCS)		
Accounting		
African-American Studies		
American Studies		

Art & Design	Carolyn Guerin (N)	A
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)		
Biomedical Sciences		
Black Cultural Center (BCC)		
Business Analytics and Information Management		
Computer and Information Technology (CIT)	El Breidi, Khalil	P
Construction Management Technology		
Curriculum and Instruction		
Economics	Navid Safahieh	P
Finance		
Health and Kinesiology		
Human Resource Management		
Independent Interdisciplinary Graduate Program		
Information Security		
Ingestive Behavior		
Latino Cultural Center (LCC)		
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Center		
Linguistics		

Marketing		
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology	Jude Tetteh Quarshie	A
Native American Educational and Cultural Center (NAECC)		
Nursing	Christelle Altidor	P
Nutrition		
Pharmacy Practice		
Psychological Sciences		
Public Health		
Theatre		
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies		
Technology Leadership & Innovation (TLI)		P
Electrical and Computer engineering (ECE) (INDY)	Avijit Saha	P
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC)	Nguyen Le	A
LGBTQ Cultural Center		

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