



Purdue Graduate Student Senate

1st Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: MJIS 1001 and Virtual

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - A. COMM called meeting to order at 6:48 PM
 - B. ENGR nominates LAO for Pro Temp
 - 1. ENE second
 - 2. Objections: None
 - C. LAO steps into to preside over the senate meeting
- II. Roll Call**
 - A. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
 - 1. Asked new senators to stand, give applause as a sign of welcome
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. None: First meeting
- IV. Approval of the Agenda**
 - A. Motion to approve by President
 - 1. Second by ENGR tech
 - B. Call for Objections?
 - 1. Hearing none, approved unanimous
- V. Consent Agenda** *(any item may be removed by a single voice)*
 - A. Officer, Committee, and Team Reports
 - 1. Waived by ENGR TECH after Treasurer's Report
 - B. Other Reports at the Discretion of the Chair
 - 1. N/A
 - C. Reports of University Committees and Boards
- VI. Special Orders**
 - A. Special Order to Confirm the Parliamentarian
 - 1. Explanation by President to appoint Ayooluwa Ojo
 - 2. Speech by appointee (Ayooluwa)
 - a) Questions: None
 - (1) Motions to end question ENGR TECH
 - (2) Second: BIO CHEM
 - b) Objections: None
 - (1) Ayooluwa Ojo Confirmed Unanimously

B. Special Order to Elect Senate Clerk

1. AG & BIO TECH nominates ENGR TECH
 - a) ENGR TECH declines
2. Psychology nominates Comp sci
 - a) BIO Sciences asks for qualifications
 - b) Parliamentarian asks for commitment to meetings
 - (1) Motion to end questions by ENGR TECH
 - (a) Second by PULSE
 - (2) COMP SCI leaves for debate
 - (a) Motion to end debate by President
 - (i) Second by ENGR TECH
 - (ii) Objected by COMM for further discussion
 - (b) Motion to end debate by STAT
 - (c) Second by ENE
 - (i) No objection
 - (3) Vote: Unanimous in favor via voice vote

VII. Old Business

- A. N/A

VIII. New Business

- A. N/A

IX. Announcements

- A. Motion to question E-Board by ENGR Tech
1. Second by ECE
 - a) No objection
 2. Question regarding the Senate committee to respond to student workers in PGSC
 3. Answer given by President

X. Adjournment

- A. Motion by ECE
B. Second by Anthropology
C. Adjourned at 7:24 PM

APPENDIX A
LIST OF NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS AND ALTERNATES

See attached one (1) page.

New Senators		Alternates and Proxies		
Department	Name	Department	Absent Senator	Alternate or Proxy

APPENDIX B

SENATOR ROLL CALL

See attached two (2) pages.

Department/Program	Senator	9/9/26 Meeting
Aeronautics and Astronautics	Don-Terry Veal	Yes
Agricultural & Biological Engineering	Tosin Olanrewaju	Yes
Agricultural Economics	Ivanna Carrillo Siller	No, alternate absent
Agronomy	Dipesh Giri	Yes
Anthropology	Max Gosch	Yes
Applied and Creative Computing (West Lafayette)	Jahid Hasan	No, alternate absent
Biochemistry	Jacob Czaicki	Yes
Biological Sciences	Chiemeka Emeribe	Yes
Biomedical Engineering (Indianapolis)	Favour Afolabi	Yes
Biomedical Engineering (West Lafayette)	Giada Brandes	Yes
Botany & Plant Pathology	Emilia Ryan Myers	No, alternate absent
Chemical Engineering	Anja Hribljan	Yes
Communication	Rusheedah Ilesanmi	Yes
Comparative Pathobiology	Giovanna Vinci Roberto	No, alternate absent
Computer Science	Faaiz Masood Memon	Yes
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine	Brenna Shaw	Yes
Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences	Brianne Checketts	Yes
Economics	Prithu Sharma	Yes
Electrical and Computer Engineering (West Lafayette)	Abhishek Chappidi	Yes
Engineering Education	David Czerwonky	Yes
Engineering Technology	Sukesh Ranganathan	Yes
English	Lila Alonso	Yes
Entomology	Sophia Yager-Motl	Yes
Food Science	Felicitas Tuku Ewunsoh	No, alternate absent
Forestry & Natural Resources	Jean Fritz Saint Preux	No, alternate absent
Health and Kinesiology	Manuela Cortes Ospina	Yes
Health Sciences	Tahereh Khanialiakbari	Yes
Industrial and Molecular Pharmaceutics	Sheena Luy	Yes
Industrial Engineering	Harsita Devaraj	Yes
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences	Danielle Ahwireng	Yes
Languages and Cultures	Sandra Nwamaka	No, alternate absent

	Megbulem "Amaka"	
Linguistics	Joan Downey	Yes
Management	Chiran Kodippili	Yes
Materials Engineering	Baptiste Martin	Yes
Mathematics	Alex Yang	Yes
Mechanical Engineering (West Lafayette)	Ramakrishnan Jayasekaran	Yes
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology	Rayna Bandy	Yes
Nuclear Engineering	Nathan Tollett	Yes
Nursing	Daniel Guerrero	Yes
Pharmacy Practice	Juan Diego Viracachá-Suárez	No, alternate absent
Philosophy	Mickey Hernandez	No, alternate absent
Physics and Astronomy	Dylan Caudill	Yes
Psychological Sciences	Kamryn Witkowiak	Yes
Public Health	Oluwapamimo J Fafowora	Yes
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe)	Ashish Jhangiani	Yes
Sociology	Mingui Gao	No, alternate absent
Statistics	Bowen Zheng	Yes

APPENDIX C

OFFICER AND TEAM CHAIR REPORTS

See attached four (4) pages.



President - (pgsg.president@gmail.com)

- Developed Executive Board priorities and operating expectations for the 2026-27 Academic Year.
- Met biweekly with the PGSG Advisor.
- Attended the Fiscal Board meeting.
- Hosted New Graduate Student Orientation on August 21, 2026.
- Participated in the Off Campus Housing Meet and Greet on September 1, 2026.
- Appointed graduate students to University Senate committees.
- Implemented the PGSG food voucher program to address food insecurity among graduate students.
- Planning engagement opportunities for graduate students in Indianapolis.
- Continued advocacy on transportation, housing affordability, stipends, childcare, and mental health.
- Organizing a leadership workshop for the Executive Board in collaboration with the C. Rogers Center for Leadership.

Chief of Staff – (pgsg.cos@gmail.com)

- The call-out was successfully held on August 26th 2026, with 63 graduate students in attendance.
- 98 graduate students have filled out the PGSG team preference form. All graduate students will receive their team preference before the first team night.
- Recruited 24 volunteers from PGSG for the Purdue NGSO event on August 21st 2025, at the Indianapolis campus and West Lafayette campus.
- Presented PGSG, along with other e-board members, at Purdue NGSO WL campus to new graduate students.

Treasurer - (pgsg.treasurer@gmail.com)

- Approval of FY/2026/27 Budget (Available on the PGSG website)
- New Vice Treasurer
- New FCO approved by E-Board, Next to be sent to the LRC
- Endowment Fund Committee to be set up soon
- Working with the GRAC Chair to meet with the SIGAPP team to get update on their work
- Working on the Child-care grant application process with the GRAC Chair
- No Pending Reimbursement

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

- The Senate Workshop was successful and we currently have 47 Senators.
- The Senate Clerk position is currently vacant.
- Current vacant Senate positions:
 - College of Agriculture
 - Animal Sciences
 - Horticultural & Landscape Architecture
 - Cultural Centers
 - Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center
 - Black Cultural Center
 - Latino Cultural Center (LCC)
 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Center
 - Native American Educational and Cultural Center
 - College of Engineering

- Electrical and Computer Engineering (Indianapolis)
- Engineering Management
- Environmental and Ecological Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering (Indianapolis)
- College of Health and Human Sciences
 - Hospitality and Tourism Management
 - Nutrition Science
 - Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
 - Daniels School of Business
 - Accounting
 - Finance
 - Marketing
 - Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management
 - Quantitative Methods
 - Strategic Management
 - Supply Chain and Operations Management
 - College of Liberal Arts
 - African American Studies
 - Art & Design
 - History
 - Political Science
 - Theatre & Dance
 - College of Veterinary Medicine
 - Basic Medical Sciences
 - Veterinary Clinical Sciences
 - College of Liberal Arts, School of Interdisciplinary Studies
 - African American Studies
 - Cancer Research
 - Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (CIGP)
 - Ecological Sciences and Engineering
 - Gerontology
 - Human Rights
 - Information Security
 - Ingestive Behavior
 - Transformational Innovation and Design
 - Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
 - Polytechnic Institute
 - Applied and Creative Computing (Indianapolis)
 - Aviation and Transportation Technology
 - Construction Management Technology
 - Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (Indianapolis)
 - Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (West Lafayette)
 - College of Science
 - Chemistry

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

- Made required updates to the website
- Posting the bio of the new executive members on social media and the website.



- Budget 2026 updated on the website
- Posting on Social media platforms as required
- Capturing the NGSO event
- Capturing PGSG Call out

Parliamentarian – (pgsg.parliamentarian@gmail.com)

- No report.

Diversity Officer – (pgsg.diversity@gmail.com)

- Volunteered at the New Graduate Student Orientation to help welcome new students and share resources to get them started on the right foot
- Attended the Senate Workshop
- Scheduled an advocacy hour with the Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education on 9/16 at 12:00 PM in the PGSC Lobby
- Planned a cultural tasting series event at the Demonstration Kitchen 9/24 at 6:00 PM with the theme, “Taste of Thailand”

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

- I attended the Off-Campus Housing Meet-And-Greet on September 1st, and walked the neighborhood with West Lafayette City Employees to hand out information guides to students who may be new to the city. During this time, I met Jen Van Schuyver, who is the director of development, who welcomed me to city hall any time. I plan to follow up on this and have conversations about the influx of apartment buildings across the city and how graduate students should navigate this movement.
- I was asked to attend Fall Action Council Meetings with President, where members of the Provost's office would meet to discuss housing plans for students. These meetings have been cancelled.

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

- Drop in hours at PGSC for in-person career related assistance (resume review, CVs, LinkedIn profile and Q&A, etc) to be initiated this month in collaboration with CCO
- 3 new members added to the Career team from Fall Call-Out.
- Final arrangements made for In-person counselor conversation with ISS on Sep 25 - awaiting final approval from BOSO
- Final arrangements made for Resume Roadshow on Sep 10 & 11, ahead of career fair week- awaiting final approval from SAO
- Second round of discussions with GRAC on grant workshop scheduled for next week.

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

- Organised the Fall Picnic on September 2nd, 150+ attendants
- Participated in Off-Campus Housing Meet-and-Greet
- Ongoing discussions about MHAW events that are going to take place from Oct 5-9
- Updating members list off Community Team for the 2026-27 academic year, had two new members.

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



- Spider-man Brand New Day on August 7th, 53 attendees
- Wildcat Creek tubing on August 8th, 46 attendees
- Feng Cha on August 31st, 175 attendees
- Attended Off-Campus Housing Meet-And-Greet
- Spoke at NGSO and welcomed new graduate students

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

- Represented PGSG at the Indianapolis New Graduate Student Orientation Fall 2026
- GRAC has 32 new students signed up, with 14 who have completed training and are actively reviewing
- August round applications have been sent out for reviews
- Keeping member's list up-to-date: reconciled the GRAC members list with returning members and non-returning members, as well as new members.
- Scheduled a meeting with SIGAPP team to have a walk-through of the application on Thursday and get a completed "Vendor Security Questionnaire" as part of Purdue's application vetting before allowing SSO integration
- Working on the Child-care grant application with the Treasurer and looking to roll out soon