

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	April 12, 2023
<b>Ruling:</b>	<b>[To be completed by Parliamentarian]</b>
<b>President, PGSG:</b>	Alex Seto
<b>Senate Chair, PGSS:</b>	Josiah Davidson

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**PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE**

**BILL No. SP23-B010**



**Graduate Student Shuttle Voucher Program**

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**WHEREAS,** Graduate students at Purdue University have a significant need for affordable and convenient transportation options for academic and personal travel; and

**WHEREAS,** Traveling to airports such as Chicago ORD and Indianapolis IND can be expensive and time-consuming, particularly for graduate students who may have limited financial resources and busy schedules; and

**WHEREAS,** Providing shuttle vouchers for travel to these city airports would offer graduate students a safe and reliable transportation option, while also promoting academic and personal growth through increased access to cultural and professional opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED,** The PGSG will establish a shuttle voucher program for graduate students at Purdue University, to provide affordable and convenient transportation options for travel between Purdue and the airports of Chicago ORD and Indianapolis IND, without the need to show explicit travel plans.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The program will provide 50 shuttle vouchers for travel from Purdue to Chicago and 50 shuttle vouchers for travel from Purdue to Indianapolis. Each voucher will cover the cost of one round-trip shuttle ride. Vouchers will be available to all graduate students enrolled in good standing at Purdue University and PGSG. Vouchers may be used for academic or personal travel purposes.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The shuttle voucher program will be funded through the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) Internal Funds sourced as the Senate Discretionary Funds.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The PGSG E-board will be tasked to seek bids for contracts from shuttle service companies in the greater Lafayette region with the objective

of optimizing cost and services for limiting expense of \$8000 approved by PGSS on the passage of this Bill.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The program will be evaluated at the end of the semester by the PGSG to assess the effectiveness of the voucher program and to make any necessary recommendations to Purdue for future funding.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The evaluation will include an assessment of the number of vouchers used, student satisfaction with the program, and any other relevant metrics.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The shuttle voucher program will begin in the earliest semester of the academic year following the passage of this bill and disbursement of funds.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The PGSG E-board will be responsible for the implementation and administration of the shuttle voucher program.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** Graduate students can only avail one round trip voucher per academic year.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** Selection of the graduate students availing this voucher service will be on a first come first serve basis, through additional selection criteria laid out by the PGSG E-board which does not contradict the core clauses laid out in this legislation.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The PGSS in its future session may choose to overturn any laid-out clauses of the PGSG E-board pertinent to this legislation by 51% majority vote.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** The program will be promoted to graduate students through various channels.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED** *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*<sup>th</sup> day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023.

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President, PGSG

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Senate Chair, PGSS

**Certification**

I, Mary Brown, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*<sup>th</sup> day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES (0):**  
**NAYS (0):**  
**ABSENT (0):**  
**ABSTAINED (0):**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this *[INSERT DAY OF CERTIFICATION]*<sup>th</sup> day of *[INSERT MONTH OF CERTIFICATION]* 2023.

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Senate Clerk, PGSS

