



**Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)**  
*Senate Meeting Minutes*

Third Meeting  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 6:00 PM  
Purdue Graduate Student Center (PGSC)

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
  - a. 6:04 pm
- II. Roll Call**
  - a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
    - i. Comparative Literature (New) and English (Alternate)
- III. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Motion to Approve from Senator from Industrial Engineering
  - b. Second from Senator from Food Science
  - c. Motion Carries
- IV. Approval of the Agenda**
  - a. Motion from Senator from Industrial Engineering
  - b. Second from Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication
  - c. Motion Carries
- V. Officer Reports**
  - a. None
  - b. Will be announced during November 30 Meeting
- VI. Committee and Team Reports**
  - a. None
  - b. Will be announced during November 30 Meeting
- VII. Other Reports**
  - a. None
- VIII. Old Business**
  - a. None
- IX. New Business**
  - a. Introduction of Emergency Legislation
    - i. President introduces a piece of legislation concerning Purdue's Authorship Standard
      - 1. University Faculty Senate will hold a vote to endorse a standard from Dr. Mohler, RIO
      - 2. This legislation relates to the content from the Speaker at the October meeting
        - a. Legislation is read
        - b. Second from Senator from Mechanical Engineering
        - c. Motion carries, Emergency Legislation, as FA22-R006, will be discussed at the end of the meeting

- ii. Senator from English sponsors a student who introduces a Resolution called “Support for UC Academic Workers on Strike”
  - 1. Legislation is read by the student Author (James Nolan)
  - 2. Second by Senator from Statistics
  - 3. Motion carries, Emergency Legislation, as FA22-R007, to be considered towards the end of the meeting
- iii. Senator from English sponsors (the same) student who introduces a Bill, also named “Support for UC Academic Workers on Strike,” related to FA22-R007 “Support for UC Academic Workers on Strike”
  - 1. Seeks to donate 100 dollars to UC Workers from Senate Discretionary Fund (This fund has a budget of \$1,000 dollars)
  - 2. Second by Senator from Hospitality and Tourism Management
  - 3. Motion carries, Emergency legislation, as FA22-B002, will be considered after other emergency legislations
- b. Standing Procedures for Motions to Amend
  - i. The procedure is explained by the Senate Chair
    - 1. Question on how to end discussion of amendments
      - a.  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote
    - 2. Question from Senator from Computer Science about procedures
      - a. These procedures will be implemented for the remainder of the Senate/academic year
    - 3. Question from senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering about if this has been done in the past
      - a. No
    - 4. Question about when Bills and Resolutions are due to Senate Chair
      - a. 10 days before senate meeting
  - ii. Second from Senator from Industrial Engineering
  - iii. Motion carries
- c. **Consideration of New Legislation**
  - i. **FA22-R004/JR002** – *“Resolution Calling for Changes to the False Allegations, Statements, and Evidence Section of the Title IX and Anti-Harassment Policy”*
    - 1. Passed by PSG last week
    - 2. Motion to waive reading from Senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
      - a. Second from Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication
      - b. Motion Carries
    - 3. PSG Representative speaks on the legislation. Legislation is considering the aftermath of Roe v. Purdue. Representative speaks on both pieces of legislation and wants to better support Purdue students. Moving from “bad faith” language to “good faith” language. Clarification of Title IX: it is a policy written by the US federal government. Purdue is able to change its interpretation of Title IX.
    - 4. LRC deems legislation constitutional

5. Period of Clarification Questions
  - a. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication asks about the current definition of incapacitation. This pertains to the second piece of legislation. This will be revisited when the other legislation is considered.
  - b. Senator from Industrial Engineering asks about clarification of “good faith” and “bad faith.” Good faith means not intentionally giving misleading information.
  - c. Senator from Industrial Engineering asks about who makes the good faith calls. This would be done through Title IX board and this is currently still under deliberation.
  - d. Senator from Computer Science asks about the University’s self-evaluation process of their Title IX policies and about actionable steps. This resolution would be presented to University Senate where they would determine if the policy change is implementable. The changes given in the resolution are borrowed from another University.
  - e. Senator from Chemistry asks about the goals of this legislation. Does it mean that parties are innocent until proven guilty? Yes. What does this mean for the parties, will they be put on leave? The goal of the legislation is that the burden of proof is on the university. This may not have much change on administrative leave. This will allow students to be more comfortable coming forward.
  - f. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering motions to end the question period.
    - i. Second by Senator from Botany and Plant Pathology
    - ii. Motion carries
6. Period of discussion begins
  - a. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering motions to end
    - i. Second from Senator from Food Science
    - ii. Motion carries
7. Period of voting for Resolution
  - a. Legislation is approved
  - b. Vote (Yes-No-Abstain): 42-0-6
- ii. **FA22-R005/JR003** – *“Resolution Calling for Clarification of the Incapacitation Definition in the Title IX and Anti-Harassment Policy”*
  1. Motion to waive reading from Senator from Industrial Engineering
    - a. Second from Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication
    - b. Motion carries
  2. PSG Representative introduces legislation. Changing the definition of Incapacitation in Title IX policy. The authors sought to clarify

incapacitation for students. Policy change is modeled after Ball State University's definition. The proposed definition gives examples of incapacitation as well.

- a. LRC finds the resolution constitutional but is concerned with the lack of definition of the term "mental disability."

3. Period of Clarifying Questions

- a. Senator from Materials Science and Engineering asks about the author's intention in the final paragraph of legislation discussing consent
- b. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering motions to end question period
  - i. Second from Senator from Food Science
  - ii. Motion carries

4. Period of discussion

- a. Senator from Materials Science and Engineering asks about a particular sentence regarding intoxication and consent
  - i. Motion to amend one line of the resolution
  - ii. Senator from Food Science does not think this amendment adds any more clarity
  - iii. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering thinks an amendment could complicate the legislative process
  - iv. Senator from Statistics notes that the code is verbatim from Ball State University and an amendment may complicate things
  - v. Senator from Statistics motions to end the discussion
  - vi. Second from senator from Industrial Engineering
  - vii. Motion to amend does not carry
  - viii. Amendment does not carry
- b. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication asks about clarification of "mental disability" as LRC notes. PSG Representative says that this could be changed.
- c. Senator from Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences notes that Purdue will probably write their own statement inspired by Ball State's policy.
- d. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering motions to end the discussion
- e. Second from senator from Food Science
- f. Motion to end discussion carries

5. Period of voting

- a. Legislation carries
- b. Vote (Yes-No-Abstain): 40-1-7

**d. Discussion of Joint Resolutions from PSG (No Introduction or Voting)**

- i. Senate Chair discusses the possible new procedure in advance of resolution discussion
  1. Vote for new procedures opens
  2. Motion carries
- ii. *“A Resolution to update Purdue University Posting Policy (IV.B.2)”*
  1. Motion to waive reading from senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
    - a. Second from Senator from Chemistry
    - b. Motion carries
  2. PSG Representative clarifies posting policy is regarding the placement of fliers around campus. This includes the time, place, and manner in which students can post fliers. Two students were arrested for posting fliers in the past. This legislation will protect first-time offenders specifically.
  3. Discussion period begins (general comments only)
    - a. Can tutoring services remain (selling something)?
    - b. Protections against hate speech
    - c. Every building has a deputy that regulates what can be posted there.
    - d. Dean of Students may be the one to handle violations
    - e. May be good to amend and add possible sanctions in the document
    - f. Discussion ends
  4. Cosponsors
    - a. Senator from Materials Science and Engineering (Daniel Sinclair) to cosponsor
    - b. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering (Somosmita Mitra) to cosponsor
    - c. Senator from Sociology (Reilly Kincaid) to cosponsor
    - d. Senator from Curriculum and Instruction (Theodora Amuah) to cosponsor
- iii. *“Resolution in Support of a Middle Eastern and North African Cultural Center”*
  1. Motion to waive reading from senator from Agricultural and Biological Engineering
    - a. Second from senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering
    - b. Motion carries
  2. PSG Representative notes that the legislation is advocating for a space on campus for students who do not feel like they belong with other centers across campus. A group of these students are asking for a space for themselves. Legislation also asks Purdue to add a separate demographic category to gauge students who identify with this cultural group.
  3. Period of discussion
    - a. Terminology will change to Southwest Asian and North African cultural center (SWANA) to be more inclusive

- b. Perhaps the group could be more inclusive of all African students
  - c. More demographic categories are asked to be added to this legislation
  - d. Motion to extend discussion time by Senator from Curriculum and Instruction
    - i. Second by senator from Food Science
    - ii. Motion does not carry
4. Cosponsor List
- a. Senator from Industrial Engineering (Utkuhan Genc) to cosponsor
  - b. Senator from Agricultural and Biological Engineering (Mike Sserunjogi) to cosponsor
  - c. Senator from Educational Studies (Stephanie Contreras) to cosponsor
  - d. Senator from Computer Science (Jacob White) to cosponsor
  - e. Senator from Agricultural Economics (Haseeb Daudzai) to cosponsor
  - f. Senator from Economics (Talha Cakir) to cosponsor
  - g. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (Bryanna Nelson) to cosponsor
  - h. Senator from Hospitality and Tourism Management (Rachel Zhang) to cosponsor
  - i. Senator from Anthropology (Olivia Palepoi) to cosponsor
- iv. *“Resolution in Support of Editable Gender-Inclusive Options Amongst Purdue Affiliated Websites”*
1. Motion to waive reading by senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
    - a. Second from senator from Anthropology
    - b. Motion carries
  2. PSG Representative discusses adding gender-inclusive options on Purdue webpages, notably Brightspace. Inclusive options are to include pronouns. Inclusivity helps students mental health and wellbeing. It also helps students feel that they belong. Resolution asks for a link on MyPurdue for students to amend/disclose their identities.
  3. Discussion opens
    - a. Sports leagues websites may want to be considered as well.
    - b. Suggestion to check links on resolutions to ensure that they work
    - c. Purdue Brightspace currently does not allow you to add your pronouns
    - d. Students can choose to disclose their identities or not
    - e. Legislations considered were passed by PSG last year
  4. Discussion ends
  5. Cosponsor List

- a. Senator from Hospitality and Tourism Management (Rachel Zhang) to sponsor
  - b. Senator from Anthropology (Olivia Palepoi) to cosponsor
  - c. Senator from Computer Science (Jacob White) to cosponsor
  - d. Senator from Sociology (Reilly Kincaid) to cosponsor
  - e. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (Bryanna Nelson) to cosponsor
  - f. Senator from Materials Science and Engineering (Daniel Sinclair) to cosponsor
  - g. Senator from Human Development and Family Studies (Amy Loviska) to cosponsor
  - h. Senator from Animal Sciences (Sarah Innis) to cosponsor
- v. *“Resolution in Support of Amending the Military Absence Policy for Students (MAPS)”*
1. Motion by Senator from Agricultural and Biological Engineering to waive reading
    - a. Second from Senator from Industrial Engineering
    - b. Motion passes
  2. PSG Representative discusses that many military students have training in October and the academic policy as it currently stands is not adequate for absences. This resolution seeks to add more excused days for military students. These are well-documented absences.
  3. Discussion opens
    - a. This policy currently does not have clauses about international military requirements.
  4. Discussion ends
  5. Cosponsor List
    - a. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (Bryanna Nelson) to cosponsor
    - b. Senator from Food Science (Anaël Kimble) to cosponsor
    - c. Senator from Botany and Plant Pathology (Ricky Critchfield) to cosponsor
    - d. Temporary Senator from Aviation and Transportation Technology (Luigi Dy) to cosponsor
- vi. *“Resolution in Support of Updating Blue Light Boxes”*
1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from Agricultural and Biological Engineering
    - a. Second by Senator from Anthropology
    - b. Motion carries
  2. PSG Representative discusses that blue light boxes are on campus and automatically call the police if they are pressed. The legislation requests the addition of boxes with camera capability in the next 10 semesters.
  3. Discussion opens
    - a. Question about when the cameras begins recording

- b. Boxes would have both a contact button (phone) and a camera
      - c. May want to add that Purdue should maintain these boxes and their upkeep
      - d. Cameras would allow police to see where you are going if you are being followed
    - 4. Discussion ends
    - 5. Senator from Statistics (Imon Banerjee) to sponsor
  - vii. *“Resolution in Support of Creating a Carbon Neutral Purdue by 2030”*
    - 1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
      - a. Second from Senator from IE
      - b. Motion carries
    - 2. Discussion period
      - a. Carbon emissions will be offset by carbon credits
      - b. Investment focused plan
    - 3. Motion to extend discussion passes
      - a. Prescriptive goals mentioned in legislation were suggested by students
      - b. Limited focus on large problems
      - c. The estimated cost is not given in legislation, hope is for Purdue to do certain things every year
    - 4. Discussion ends
    - 5. Cosponsor List
      - a. Senator from Statistics (Imon Banerjee) to sponsor
      - b. Senator from IE (Utkuhan Genc) to cosponsor
      - c. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (Bryanna Nelson) to cosponsor
      - d. Senator from CS (Jacob White) to cosponsor
      - e. Senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (Austin Blevins) to cosponsor
      - f. Senator from Anthropology (Olivia Palepoi) to cosponsor
- e. **Consideration of Emergency Legislation**
  - i. **Legislation FA22-R006**
    - 1. Period of Clarification Questions
      - a. Senator from Industrial Engineering asks about where authorship policy is taken from
      - b. Senator from Industrial Engineering motions to end discussion
        - i. Second from Senator from PULSe
        - ii. Motion carries
    - 2. Period of Discussion
      - a. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering supports legislation
      - b. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering motions to end discussion



- i. Second from senator from Industrial Engineering
      - ii. Motion carries
    3. Period of Voting
      - a. Resolution passes
      - b. Vote (Yes-No-Abstain): 36-0-12
  - ii. **Legislation FA22-R007**
    1. Period of Clarification Questions
      - a. Senator from Industrial Engineering asks about the resolution's wording to ask GSOs to make statements and about possible appropriate responses
      - b. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication asks if this legislation discusses money
    2. Period of Discussion
      - a. Senator from Industrial Engineering asks if there is a graduate student union at Purdue
        - i. No union
        - ii. There is GROW, an organization for graduate student wellbeing
      - b. An example statement is given in the legislation
        - i. Motion from senator from Industrial Engineering to hold a procedural vote to consider Exhibit A to be the public statement released
        - ii. Second by senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering
        - iii. Exhibit A will be considered as an example for a public statement created by the PGSG executive board at a later date
      - c. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering speaks
    3. Period of voting
      - a. Resolution carries
      - b. Vote (Yes-No-Abstain): 35-0-13
  - iii. **Legislation FA22-B002**
    1. Period of Questions
      - a. None
    2. Period of Discussion
      - a. Senator from Industrial Engineering is concerned about the amount and asks how discretionary funds are used
      - b. Example of discretionary funds: filtered water fountain. Funds can also go to community programs at the end of the academic year.
      - c. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering suggests a larger amount or none at all. Does not think the bill should be passed

- d. Chief of Staff notes that PGSG may not be allowed to make this donation
- e. Senator from Statistics notes that this amount is small and a “token amount” but that it shows intent.
- f. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering reiterates that the money may not be allowed to be used in this way.
- g. Senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences argues that a supportive statement may mean the same as an amount
- h. Senator from Industrial and Computer Engineering says monetary fund donation may be very important to show our support and solidarity in a collective problem. It sets a good precedent and the senator thinks we should donate
- i. Senator from English says that this is a good way to show symbolic support from PGSG
- j. Senator from Computer Science asks the treasurer if we currently have the discretionary fund (\$1000 dollars)
- k. Senator from Mechanical Engineering suggests increasing the amount
- l. Senator from Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication asks if an \$100 donation has a precedent and asks how the money will be used to support the striking workers. The money will go to pay workers if they are not getting paid, as well as strike materials
- m. Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering notes that sponsors on the strike websites are mostly from individuals or anonymous sponsors
- n. Senator from Chemistry suggests matching action with our words and speech
- o. Senator from Industrial Engineering asks about donation guidelines (tax status)
- p. Senator from Industrial Engineering motions to amend the amount to 400 dollars because it is one striker’s average weekly wages
  - i. Second by Senator from Materials Science and Engineering
  - ii. Discussion period
    1. Treasurer notes that 100 dollars is maximum donation allowed without more paperwork and requirements
    2. Senator from Materials Science and Engineering says they will personally match the 100 dollars
    3. Senator from Anthropology says they will also match the 100 dollar donation
    4. Motion does not carry

- q. Senator from Agricultural Economics motions to end discussion
  - i. Second from senator from Botany and Plant Pathology
  - ii. Motion carries

3. Period of voting

- a. Legislation carries
- b. Vote (Yes-No-Abstain): 28-6-14

**X. Reports of University Committees and Boards**

- a. None

**XI. Announcements**

- a. Senator from Public Health mentions an “Infants at Work” campaign by Baby Boilers on Campus and invites people to join the team
- b. Black and Red Dance Party this Friday (11/18) at Co-Rec

**XII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Senator from Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences
- b. Second by Senator from Industrial Engineering
- c. 9:20 pm