



Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)
Senate Meeting Minutes

Fifth Meeting

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, 6:00 PM

~~Purdue Graduate Student Center (PGSC)~~ – Held Virtually Due to Inclement Weather

Guest Speaker: Remingtin Mickle

- a. Coordinator- Leadership and Professional Development
 - i. Experience organizing on campus here at Purdue
 1. Community Organizing Institute on February 11 (10 am to 4 pm)
 - ii. Steps to Organizing
 1. Have clear demands/goals
 2. Power-Mapping: Who has the power to get you what you want?
 3. Spectrum of Allies: Who is on your side and who is not?
 4. Organizing Conversations (Getting others to join): These meetings are conversations with goals
 - a. In these conversations, you tell another how the goal/demand affects them
 - b. The aim of the conversation is to know what the other person cares about
 - c. The organizer should relate their cause to what the other person cares about. Movements are built by building connections.
 - d. The organizer also wants to build hope and tell the others that they can make a change and that there are others in a similar situation
 - e. The organizer wants to leave the person with a role or task they can do (ex. signing a letter). This will get more people committed to the cause.
 - iii. University policy is usually to wait out organizers, so organizers should aim to continuously add new members.
 - iv. Questions
 1. How to deal with fear of retaliation? Better to have more numbers.
 2. What to do after power mapping? You want to ask for the demand/goal. When they respond with “no,” you want to plan/execute escalation tactics.
 - 3.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. 6:22 pm
- II. **Roll Call***
 - a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
 - i. Appointment of New Senators for History and Mathematics
- III. **Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Agenda approved
- V. Officer Reports**
 - a. President presented data from housing survey and discussed transportation concerns. Further details are in President's written report.
 - i. Senator from ABE asks if we can share officer reports with fellow students. Yes, this is permitted.
- VI. Committee and Team Reports**
 - a. None
- VII. Other Reports**
 - a. None
- VIII. Old Business**
 - a. **Consideration of Old Legislation**
 - i. **FA22-B003** – *“Support Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) to Broaden Its Outreach Among Graduate Students”*
 - 1. Author argues that PGSG donation to CARE will allow for this organization to do more programming for graduate students. CARE cannot do fundraising events like GSOs.
 - 2. President delivers LRC report. The Bill is constitutional depending on where the funding comes from.
 - 3. President argues that the bill is excellent and supports funding them to do more events for graduate students.
 - 4. Senate vote to determine if President's and Treasurer's emails constitute explicit written notice to make this bill constitutional. Vote passes.
 - 5. Questions for factual clarification
 - a. Senator from English asks about data that supports CARE being less known by the graduate community and also asks if there will be communication about how CARE is to use this money.
 - i. Author says that over the past 3 years, CARE has presented mostly to FSCL organizations and undergraduates. Author notes that there has been communication with CARE about how money will be spent and that this is still being planned.
 - b. Senator from MSE asks about current funds being used for CARE workshops.
 - i. Author says that there are currently no funds. FSCL organizations are mandated to have workshops with CARE.
 - 6. Open discussion
 - a. Senator from AgEcon asks GRAC chair about mental health grant and asks sponsor of bill if CARE can apply to the GSO grants. Asks if money might instead be used to advertise care.

- i. GRAC chair says any GSO collaborating with CARE can ask for the mental health grant. Chair also says that the senate discretionary fund is able to be used for this bill specifically. Sponsor of the bill notes that CARE can get grants but many GSOs are not familiar with CARE. Sponsor notes that there will be further communication to ensure this money is used for graduate students.

7. Period of Voting

- a. Bill passes

- i. **Aye: 43, Nay: 5, Abstain: 2**

IX. New Business

a. Introduction of Emergency Legislation

- i. None

b. Notice of New Senate Floor Rules concerning abstentions and voting

- i. Senate Chair introduces potential new floor rules where any senator not voting may be considered to have left the meeting and considered to be absent from the meeting
 1. Senator from EAPS asks if these rules would need senate approval. The Executive board will discuss this at their next meeting.
 2. New rules will likely be introduced at next senate meeting

c. Consideration of New PGSG Legislation

i. SP23-B001 – “Bill Establishing After Hours Shuttle Bus Service”

1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from IE, second by Senator from Food Science
 - a. Motion passes
2. Sponsor of bill (Senator from ECE) notes that this bill was influenced by a survey sent out to graduate students over the winter break and that the sponsors gathered quotes from multiple shuttle services. Senator from IBSC also discussed quotes from multiple services and notes that this bill will create a temporary shuttle service (Spring semester).
3. Parliamentarian says that the constitutionality of this bill is to be determined by written consent (email) from President and Treasurer. Parliamentarian suggests aligning survey data with legislation points and notes that the route is more focused on West Lafayette than Lafayette.
4. President argues that this bill is in alignment with the transportation report that was compiled. He notes that this bill is to create a “trial run” that can be given to the University for consideration when negotiating with CityBus.
5. Bill is deemed constitutional.
6. Senator from Food Science motions to waive reading, second from Senator from IE
 - a. Motion passes
7. Questions for factual clarification

- a. Senator from IE asks authors of bill who they talked to to get quotes
 - i. Senator IBSC notes CityBus already has a contract with the routes. OnDemand could not give a quote because they have a shortage of bus drivers. Reindeer shuttle also had a shortage of drivers and could not give a quote.
 - b. Senator from English asks authors who will be able to use the shuttle and if this is mentioned in the bill.
 - i. Senator ECE notes that shuttle service will check purdue IDs of riders. This will be marketed mostly for graduate students but it is okay for undergraduates to use this service too.
 - c. Senator from CS asks authors about wording in bill- does it come explicitly from the survey? Yes, data was taken from the questionnaire.
 - d. Chief of Staff asks authors to explain and clarify Q7 on the survey.
 - i. Senator from ECE says the bill has two purposes: 1) a shuttle for students who may be working late or 2) for students who may be out and need a way to return home.
 - e. Senator from Chemistry asks authors about the times listed in the bill.
 - i. Senator from IBSC says that the times listed are able to be changed, these times were used to get a quote from the service. Senator from ECE notes that times are influenced by CityBus times as well.
 - f. Senator from CS asks Senator from IBSC about the capacity of the shuttle (around 20).
 - i. Senator IBSC thinks that the time between shuttles should be sufficient and notes that this bill is constituting a trial run to present to the university later. Other universities have something like this implemented.
 - g. Senator from IE asks authors about the prospective route.
 - i. Senator from IBSC notes that the route is subject to change, as long as it is a thirty minute long route. The route is unable to cater to every place in the area.
8. Period of discussion
- a. Senator from MSE notes that he has been on campus on weekends/evenings and asks if the route might reach toward Discovery Park on State Street.
 - i. Senator from ECE notes that there is work being done on modifying the exact route.

- b. Senator from IE suggests saving the data about use of the shuttle service from Lafayette Limo to later present to the University. Asks about the possibility of an on-demand service later.
 - c. President notes that he will be sitting on the housing task force and will continue to advocate for an on-demand shuttle as well.
 - d. Parliamentarian asks about the route in Lafayette specifically.
 - i. Senator from IBSC reiterates that the route is not set in stone at this time. The contract with Lafayette Limo has not been completed at this time.
 - e. Chief of Staff yields time to Senator from Political Science who asks if the data is skewed because it did not specifically include undergraduate responses.
 - i. Senator from IBSC notes that the survey was supposed to go only to graduate students.
 - f. Senator from ABE supports bill and motions to end discussion.
 - i. Senator IE seconds motion.
 - g. Motion to end discussion carries.
9. Period of voting
- a. **Aye: 49, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1**
- ii. **SP23-R001**– *“Resolution Concerning Parking of Automobile Requirements Kentspeckled for Incoming and New Graduate students (P.A.R.K.I.N.G)”*
1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from Chemistry, second by Senator from IE
 - a. Motion carries
 2. Author notes that C parking permits are sometimes difficult to obtain because there are only a few compared to the number of students that would like them. Permits are only allowed to be purchased in a certain time frame and there is a limited number of parking spots, particularly for two-wheeled vehicles.
 3. Parliamentarian deems resolution constitutional and asks for clarification about how many type C permits are requested (50%).
 4. President gives report
 5. Questions concerning factual clarification
 - a. Senator from English asks about the 50% of permits that will be reserved for graduate students.
 - i. Senator from ECE notes that there are residential student permits already available. Graduate students do not have the ability to purchase other specific types of permits unless they work more than 30 hours per week. Senator notes that 50% is just a hopeful number to have reserved for graduate students.
6. Discussion

- a. Senator from SATT asks about the number of C spots that are available. Also asks about the division of permits into A, B, C categories.
 - i. Senator ECE says they do not know the number of C spots, but that the bill seeks to focus on graduate student needs.
 - ii. No more questions or comments

7. Period of Voting

- a. **Aye: 42, Nay: 7, Abstain: 1**

iii. **SP23-R002**– *“A Resolution to Create a Laptop Borrowing Program to Enhance Student Learning”*

1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from BPP and second from Senator from ECE
 - a. Motion carries
2. Author of bill notes that this bill has a precedent in other universities. Notes that this bill could benefit students who 1) may have had a laptop quit on them when they needed it for their academics and those who 2) may not have the computational capacity to download some programs on their own computer.
3. Parliamentarian notes that the resolution is constitutional and suggests editing the part about the creation of a committee in the resolution.
4. President supports the bill and argues it may be helpful for all Purdue students.
5. Questions for factual clarification
 - a. Senator from MSE asks author about the wording regarding committee formation and their role in possibly maintaining the laptops.
 - i. Author notes that the committee would likely do this and maintain the inventory.
 - b. Senator from English asks about the Engineering Computer network.
 - i. Author of resolution says he is open to change the wording about the committee (ECN).
6. Period of discussion
 - a. Senator from CS motions to add an amendment to move the duties to an existing committee, rather than for the University Senate to create a new committee.
 - i. Second from Senator from IE
 - ii. Discussion on motion to amend
 1. Senator from CS makes a clarification to the amendment
 2. Motion to make a friendly amendment by Senator from Food Science, yields time to Senator from IE to amend proposed amendment

- a. Seconded by Senator from English
 - 3. Senator from CS and Senator from IE agree
 - iii. Period of voting for amendment
 - 1. Motion to amend passes
 - b. Senator from MSE motions to amend last clause of the resolution
 - i. Seconded by Senator CS
 - ii. Discussion on Motion to amend
 - 1. None
 - iii. Vote on Motion to amend
 - 1. Motion to amend passes
 - c. Senator from ECE motions to end discussion
 - i. Second by Senator from IE
 - ii. Motion to end discussion passes
 - d. Period of voting
 - i. **Aye: 47, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2**
- d. Emergency Housing Transition Grant Discussion - Gauging Need and Interest**
 - i. Senator from MSE is to introduce discussion. Discusses housing survey in the past and notes a possible grant to help students transition between housing. Seeks discussion on housing difficulties.
 - ii. Guiding Questions- Challenges moving to Lafayette area and challenges moving between housing once in the area
 - 1. Senator from IE notes that lease terms in the area seem to follow the academic year which could pose problems for people who move here in the spring semester
 - 2. Senator from Food Science notes that there is sometimes a gap between move out dates and move in dates and a voucher for hotel or storage may be helpful
 - 3. Senator from Chemistry notes that those who might graduate/leave in December may not have the option to get a short term lease and grants might help alleviate some stress
 - 4. Senator from BPP notes that fees prior to move in may be problematic
 - 5. Senator from CS notes that paying for storage between moving dates can sometimes cause stress
 - 6. Career Chair reiterates that the gap between leases is problematic. Also notes that renewal contracts seem to be given to tenants very early on in a current lease.
 - 7. Senator from ECE and Senator from MSE have been working on a possible grant to address some of these concerns.
 - 8. Senator from MSE asks about potential costs senators have encountered in their housing transition period
 - 9. Parliamentarian mentions that she does not agree with paying a whole month when she moves in late or moves out early
 - 10. Senator from ABE notes his own experience trying to procure housing
- e. Consideration of Joint PSG and PGSG Legislation**

i. SP23-R003/22-JR007 – “A Resolution to Update Purdue University Postings Policy (IV.B.2)”

1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from ECE, second by Senator from Food Science
 - a. Motion carries
2. Senator from MSE (sponsor) notes that the resolution is asking for clarity of rules and consequences. Yields time to PSG sponsor. PSG sponsor notes that a past incident displayed that the University posting policy was unclear and incomplete. This bill seeks to clarify the policy.
3. Parliamentarian finds resolution constitutional and suggests adding a few citations.
4. President says the bill seems helpful.
5. Questions for factual clarification
 - a. none
6. Open discussion
 - a. Senator from IE asks about making amendments and what would happen because it is a joint resolution
 - b. PSG representative notes that quotes came from the existing posting policy
 - c. Senator from Chemistry notes a personal experience with posts being removed
 - d. Senator from IE motions to amend to add posting policy citation. Second by Senator from CS.
 - i. Discussion on amendment
 1. PSG representative notes that the citation probably is not needed and would cause the legislation to take longer to be passed.
 2. Senator from ECE motions to end discussion. Second by Senator from Food Science.
 - ii. Motion to end discussion on amendment
 1. Motion carries
 - iii. Vote on Motion to amend
 1. Motion to amend does not carry
 - e. Senator from ECE motions to end discussion
 - i. Second by Senator from Food Science
 - f. Motion to end discussion
 - i. Motion passes
 - g. Period of voting
 - i. **Aye: 41, Nay: 4, Abstain: 5**

ii. SP23-R004/22-JR008 – “Resolution in Support of Editable Gender – Inclusive Options Amongst Purdue Affiliated Websites”

1. Motion to waive reading by Senator from MSE, second by Senator from ECE
 - a. Motion carries

- b. No LRC or President report given at this time
 - c. No Sponsor has discussed the bill at this time
 - 2. Motion to table this resolution until the next session by the Senator from ABE, second by Senator from Food Science
 - a. Motion carries
 - iii. **SP23-R005/22-JR009 – “Resolution in Support of Updating Blue Light Boxes”**
 - 1. Motion to amend agenda and remove this item from the agenda, therefore moving it to the next senate meeting where it will be considered New Business since it has not been read, by Senator from ABE
 - a. Second by Senator from AgEcon
 - b. Motion carries
 - f. **Consideration of Emergency Legislation**
 - i. None
- X. **Reports of University Committees and Boards**
 - a. President yields time and suggests emailing if you have any questions.
- XI. **Announcements**
 - a. **Callout for Coauthors and cosponsors for bereavement leave and unused time-off compensation.**
 - i. Senator from Chemistry looks for coauthors from different disciplines to help write this legislation so that it might benefit all graduate students.
 - ii. Senate Chair encourages all senators to reach out and support other bills that they may not be directly affected by.
 - b. **LRC Vacancies**
 - i. Parliamentarian notes that they are looking for senate members to join this committee. Email Parliamentarian for any questions.
 - c. **Upcoming Events**
 - i. **Opening Minds through Art – Begins January 23, 2023**
 - 1. Volunteering occurs on Mondays.
 - ii. **Volunteer for PGSG Table for Lunar New Year 2023 – January 28, 2023**
 - 1. Need volunteers for 1-hour shifts.
 - iii. **Volunteer Signup for Career Fair**
 - 1. Need volunteers for the day of the event and well as volunteers for scheduling the day/reaching out to companies.
- XII. **Adjournment**
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Senator from Food Science
 - i. Second by Senator from ABE
 - b. Motion carries
 - c. 9:49 pm