



Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)
Senate Meeting Minutes

Seventh Meeting
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023, 6:00 PM
Purdue Graduate Student Center (PGSC)

Guest Speakers from Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE)

- I. Representatives (Tiffany and Amanda) from CARE: Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education
 - a. Confidential and Free Support for students impacted by interpersonal violence.
 - b. Focused on Advocacy and Education
 - i. Education is done through Workshops and Campaigns
 - c. Located in Duhme (Windsor) Hall
 - d. 24/7 Hotline: 765-495-CARE
 - i. Webpage: care.purdue.edu
 - e. Have referrals to campus institutions: Office of Institutional Equity, Purdue Police Department, CAPS, and PUSH
 - i. Can also refer to Community Resources
 - ii. They can also help non-students and connect them with resources
 - f. Volunteers are welcome
 - i. CARE Educational Ambassador Program
 - g. Questions:
 - i. Suggested workshops focusing on the graduate community: Workplace relations, relationships with Advisors

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. 6:20 pm
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Senator from IE
 - i. Second by Senator from Food Science
 - ii. Minutes are approved
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Motion to approve by Senator from IE
 - i. Second by Senator from History
 - ii. Agenda is approved
- V. **Officer Reports**
 - a. VPR Chair- Tuesday Trivia in Newsletter
 - i. 7-10 pm tomorrow Pint Night at Lafayette Brewing Company
 - b. Parliamentarian – LRC Vacancies and Author/Sponsor Expectations
 - i. PGSG Webpage includes Zoom links for monthly LRC meetings
 - ii. Official Documents of PGSG are now on the PGSG website, including the PGSG Financial Code of Operations
 - iii. It is recommended that if you are the author for legislation, please attend the LRC meetings



- c. President- Shuttle Service is moving forward, Car Rental legislation is moving forward. Expect an update soon.
- d. Senate Chair- Minutes and Legislation are also now on the PGSG website

VI. Committee and Team Reports

a. GRAC Team

- i. Mental Health Partnership- \$500 spent/ \$6000- 8% spent.
 - With the transfer of funds to GSEF, new utilization is \$500 spent/ \$3000- 16.67% spent.
 - Strategic Partnership Grant Fall - \$750/ \$1800- 41.6% spent.
 - Strategic Partnership Grant Spring-\$750/ \$1800- 41.6% spent.
 - Graduate Student Equipment Fund - \$6141.56/ \$5000- 123% spent. Adjusted with excess from the Strategic Partnership Grant Fall.
 - GSEF survey team scheduled to visit all GSOs who have availed the grant not he 9th of March, 2023.
 - \$3000 from the Mental Health Partnership Grant was moved to the Graduate Student Equipment Fund on the 11th January meeting of the E-board. The GSEF limit was reduced to a maximum award value of \$750.
 - Thus, Spring has a total budget of \$3000 for the GSEF.
 - Travel- 80% spent
 - Professional-72% spent
 - GSOGA- 54% spent
 - Symposium- 64.83% spent
 - The GRAC team nights have optional in-person attendance for the remainder of the semester.
 - Childcare grant open for spring. Spring applications close on February 23rd, 2023.
 - The grant budget will possibly overshoot by \$20k. Talking to the Treasurer and President for an additional \$20k in funds to GRAC from discretionary.
 - In talks for the development of three new grants:
 - Transitory Housing Grant- placed on February Senate
 - Small Research Grant- to be placed on March Senate
 - Accessibility Grant- to be placed on April Senate
 - Observing an incredible increase in grant applications.
 - Credits to new advertising strategies.
 - Looking to fund emergency needs grants through a donation link on the website/ Purdue Day of Giving.
 - Looking to catalog the pros/cons of housing complexes around town for newer graduate students.
 - The results of the monthly voting are as follows.
 - January:
 - Travel: 48 total applications, 20 apps funded
 - Tier 1: 4 x \$750
 - Tier 2: 8 x \$500
 - Tier 3: 8 x \$250 (Graduate School)
 - Total: \$7,000(PGSG), \$2,000 (GS).
 - Professional: 12 total applications, 9 funded applications
 - 1 \$750.00
 - 1 \$750.00
 - 0.87 \$652.50
 - 0.85 \$293.25
 - 0.57 \$416.67



- 0.57 \$427.50
- 0.57 \$427.50
- 0.57 \$427.50
- 0.45 \$337.50
- 0 \$0.00
- 0 \$0.00
- 0 \$0.00
- Total: \$4,482.42
- GSOGA: 2 total applications, 2 apps funded
 - 1 \$1500
 - 1 \$1500
 - Total: \$3000.00

VII. Other Reports

- a. Senator from HTM announces CARE focus group

VIII. Old Business

a. Consideration of Old Joint Resolutions

i. FA22-R009/22-JR004 – “Resolution in Support of a Southwest Asian and North African Cultural Center” – **NOT AMENDABLE**

1. Representative speaks on the goals of the bill
2. PSG President discusses that University representatives hope to see these demographics represented
3. Senator from IE speaks in support of the bill
4. President notes that revisions were made with PSG to make resolution more inclusive
5. Period of Questions
 - a. none
6. Period of Discussion
 - a. none
7. Period of Voting
 - a. Resolution passes
 - i. **Aye: 40, Nay: 1, Abstain: 9**

b. Consideration of Old Legislation Amending Governing Documents (Requires vote)

i. SP23-B003 – “Amendments to the Financial Code for Career Team”

1. Tabled

ii. Simultaneous Consideration of Legislation Package for Transitional Housing Grant

1. SP23-B005 – “Amendments to the Financial Code of Operations”

- a. Discussion period closed during last session for simultaneous consideration of bills
 - i. Entertained motion to reconsider closing of discussion but no such motion was authored
 - ii. Motion to end discussion from February Senate meeting maintained
- b. Period of Voting
 - i. Bill **SP23-B005** passes with Senate approval
 1. **Aye: 43, Nay: 0, Abstain: 7**

2. SP23-B004 – “Funding of a Transitional Housing Grant”

- a. Routing language added to **SP23-B004** to reflect that the bill will only take effect after BOSO and SAO review and approval of



- SP23-B005; if approval is not granted, bill will be returned to PGSS for reconsideration.
- b. No discussion period (as per justification outlined in VII.b.ii.1.a)
 - c. Period of Voting
 - i. Bill **SP23-B004** passes.
 1. **Aye: 41, Nay: 1, Abstain: 8**
 - ii. New grant is established pending BOSO and SAO approval.

IX. New Business

a. Introduction of Emergency Legislation

- i. **SP23-R00X1** – *“Resolution for adding SWANA Heritage Month to the PGSG Calendar”*
 1. Motion by Senator from AgEcon to submit this legislation. He yields time to the President of SWANA association. April is National Arab American Heritage Month. SWANA Association would like to extend this to all those represented by SWANA.
 - a. Second by Senator from ECE
 2. Resolution is read.
 3. Motion to consider legislation as emergency passes.
 4. Now called **SP23-R009** to be considered at the end of New Business; agenda amended to reflect the Motion to Consider Emergency Legislation
- ii. **SP23-R00X2** – *“Support for Temple University Graduate Student Workers on Strike”*
 1. Motion by Senator from SLHS to submit this legislation. Speaks about how Temple Graduate Students have been on strike since October. Strike was extended in February.
 - a. Second by Senator from ASEC
 2. Resolution is read.
 3. Motion to consider legislation as emergency passes.
 4. Now called **SP23-R010** to be considered at the end of New Business, agenda amended to reflect the Motion to Consider Emergency Legislation
- iii. **SP23-R00X3** – *“Support of LGBTQ+ Students in Response to Planned Campus Visitor”*
 1. Motion by Senator from CS to submit this legislation. Senator from CS yields time to author of the bill.
 - a. Second by Senator from History
 2. Resolution is read.
 3. Motion to consider legislation as emergency passes.
 4. Now called **SP23-R011** to be considered at the end of this New Business; agenda amended to reflect the Motion to Consider Emergency Legislation.

b. Discussion regarding 2023-2024 PGSG Executive Board Elections

- i. Diversity Officer discusses positions that will be elected.
 1. Nominations for positions on the executive board
 - a. Legislative Affairs Officer- works with Political Advocacy:
 - i. Electronic form for interest will be sent out as well
 - b. Public Relations Officer- works with PGSG and graduate students:
 - i. Rajni Sah



- c. Diversity Officer- works to make the campus more inclusive:
 - i. Rachel Zhang (HTM senator)
- d. Treasurer- oversees annual budget for PGSS and works closely with GRAC:
 - i. Swati Shika
- e. Senate Chair- sets Senate agenda and handles all senate details. Senate chair cannot sponsor or show preference towards legislation while on the senate floor:
 - i. Josiah Davidson
- f. Chief of Staff- plans all TEAM nights, manages TEAM roster:
 - i. Bunmi Ojo
- g. President- liaison between University admit and Graduate students:
 - i. Alex Seto
 - ii. Somosmita Mitra
 - iii. Ailin Fei
- c. **SP23-WM001 - “Financial Code of Operations Amendments”**
 - i. Written motion by the President. President speaks on the motion.
 - 1. Second by Senator from MSE
 - ii. Period of Questions
 - 1. none
 - iii. Period of Discussion
 - 1. Senator from MSE asks President about payments for officers and “POP” nomenclature. President says that these payments match the budget for the past two years. Senator from MSE follows up and thinks the changes made are helpful.
 - 2. Senator from IE asks about budgeted payment for President.
 - a. Senator IE motions to amend payment for President’s salary to be in-line with minimum cost of Graduate Student fiscal year contracts.
 - i. Second by senator from ECE
 - b. Question period
 - i. Senator from ECE is concerned about raise passing BOSO review
 - ii. Senator from AgEcon asks about funding
 - iii. Senator from IE asks if tuition is reimbursed in the president position
 - iv. Treasurer echoes concern of Senator from ECE
 - v. Senator from Statistics asks about president payment as related to other assistantships. The payment to the president is a stipend
 - vi. Senator from IE asks about precedent for PGSG paying these positions
 - vii. Senator from ECE motions to end discussion
 - 1. Second by senator from PULSe
 - 2. Motion carries
 - c. Period of Voting for Motion to Amend
 - i. Motion does not carry
 - 3. Senator from Chemistry asks about the difference between the past budget and the proposed budget.



4. President discusses that the “POP” use was done to make things easier in the future
- iv. Period of Voting
 1. Motion carries
 - a. **Aye: 42, Nay: 2, Abstain: 6**
 2. Vote ruled **NULL AND VOID; Vote taken in violation of Financial Code of Operations § VIII(B). See § IX(e)(ii)(3)(h) of these minutes for more details.**
- v. **Motion to pick up bill SP23-B003** – *“Amendments to the Financial Code for Career Team,”* which was tabled pending these amendments
 - a. Motion by Senator from MSE
 - i. Second by Senator from ECE
 - ii. Motion Carries
- d. **SP23-B003** – *“Amendments to the Financial Code for Career Team”*
 - i. Period of Discussion ends
 - ii. Period of Voting
 1. Bill passes
 - a. **Aye: 46, Nay: 1, Abstain: 3**
- e. **Consideration of New PGSG Legislation**
 - i. **SP23-B007** – *“Bill to Provision Financial Support to the Cricket Club at Purdue University (PUCC) to participate in the 2023 National Championship.”*
 1. Senator from IBSC yields time to Author of the bill. Author discusses the sport and the reasoning behind the bill.
 2. President says that PGSG has a precedent for aiding spending.
 3. Parliamentarian is concerned about constitutionality related to financial code of operations. Requires use of the discretionary fund.
 - a. Requires written consent from Treasurer and President
 - i. Motion to consider email as written consent
 - ii. Motion passes
 - b. Motion to waive reading by Senator from IE
 - i. second by Senator from ECE
 - ii. Motion carries
 4. Period of Questions
 - a. Senator from IE asks Treasurer asks about current discretionary funds.
 - b. Senator from ECE asks about how many graduate students are in the cricket club. Author of bill says there are around 75 graduate students on the roster.
 - c. Senator from CS asks about club’s budget.
 - d. Senator from Chemistry asks about the cricket team’s success in games. Author says they have played many midwest teams and expect to be competitive at the national level.
 - e. Senator from ASEC asks author of bill about how many graduate students would be on the national team.
 - f. Senator from ECE motions to move to discussion
 - i. Second by senator from PULSe
 - ii. Motion carries
 5. Period of Discussion
 - a. Senator from ECE mentions that it would seem like the Cricket team is sponsored by PGSG. Senate spends less more for events



- like Coffee Corner for more graduate students but notes that the money is available.
- b. Senator from MSE echoes sentiments of Senator from ECE
 - c. Senator from BPP notes that a smaller amount of money might be better
 - d. Senator from IBSC notes that sports teams reach more people than research usually. Senator also says that this could help other graduate students be aware of funds.
 - e. Senator from Statistics argues that it seems that the concern of supporting undergraduate students shouldn't really be a concern. Also asks author about budgeted hotel rooms.
 - f. Senator from IE notes that cricket club has reached out to other funding sources
 - g. Senator from MSE yields time to author. Author says that the club was not eligible for some funding sources.
 - h. Senator from HDFS motions to end discussion
 - i. Second by Senator from AgEcon
 - ii. Motion passes
6. Period of voting
- a. Bill passes
 - i. **Aye: 35, Nay: 10, Abstain: 2**
- ii. **Simultaneous consideration of Legislation Package for Accessibility Grant**
1. **SP23-R008** – *“Resolution establishing the PGSG Accessibility Grant”*
 2. **SP23-B008** – *“Amendments to the Financial Code of Operations”*
 3. **SP23-B009** – *“Funding of the Accessibility Grant”*
 - a. Motion to consider together
 - i. Motion passes
 - b. Motion to waive reading of SP23-R008 by senator from IE
 - i. Second by senator from english
 - ii. Motion passes
 - c. Motion to waive reading of SP23-B008 by senator from IE
 - i. second by senator from ECE
 - ii. Motion passes
 - d. Motion to waive reading of SP23-B009 by senator from IE
 - i. Second by Senator from Communication
 - ii. Motion passes
 - e. Authors of legislation discuss reasoning behind the bill and state that the bill can stand alone or supplement another grant. Grant is hoping to be made available for many students.
 - f. President notes that the grant would be beneficial.
 - g. Parliamentarian notes some terminology changes that might be made.
 - h. Senate Chair notes that FCO amendments cannot be made at the same time.
 - i. Point of Order raised by Senate Chair: Vote was taken out of order as amendments to Financial Code of Operation require a vote be taken at a meeting other than that in which the motion was introduced
 - ii. Vote on SP23-WM001 located in Section IX.c.iv and Section IX.d.ii are ruled **NULL AND VOID**



- i. **Aye: 41, Nay: 0, Abstain: 6**
- ii. **SP23-R010**-“*Support for Temple University Graduate Student Workers on Strike*”
1. Already read
 2. Author reiterates the purpose of the resolution.
 3. President supports the resolution.
 4. Period of Questions
 - a. Senator from ABE motions to end question period and move to discussion
 - i. Second by Senator from BPP
 5. Period of Discussion
 - a. none
 6. Period of Voting
 - a. Resolution passes
 - i. **Aye: 44, Nay: 0, Abstain: 3**
- iii. **SP23-R011**- “*Support of LGBTQ+ Students in Response to Planned Campus Visitor*”
1. Already read
 2. Senator from CS says supporting this bill is important. Senator yields time to author of resolution. Author asks that the statement made by PGSG focus on celebrating and supporting the people who are under attack by the speaker mentioned in this resolution.
 3. President is dismayed that this speaker was asked to come to campus and expresses support for resolution
 4. Period of Questions
 - a. Senator from ECE asks author about adding more groups to the end of the resolution
 5. Period of Discussion
 - a. Senator from ECE motions to amend the resolution to state that the resolution will also be given to other Purdue offices and organizations
 - i. Second by senator from IE
 - ii. Discussion on motion to amend
 - iii. Vote on motion to amend passes
 - b. Senator from SLHS notes that the resolution is important given the current US political climate and the political climate in Indiana. Notes specific bills and implications that are occurring.
 - c. Senator from ECE argues that university should be a safe space and argues that resolution might be able to make a large difference
 - i. Senator also motions to end discussion and move to voting
 1. Second by senator from HDFS
 2. Motion carries
 6. Period of Voting
 - a. Resolution passes
 - i. **Aye: 35, Nay: 1, Abstain: 11**
- X. **Reports of University Committees and Boards**
- a. none
- XI. **Announcements**
- a. CARE Focus Group Seeking Graduate Participants

