



Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS)
Senate Meeting Minutes

Eighth Meeting
Wednesday, April 12th, 2023, 6:00 PM - **End Time: 8:00 PM**
Purdue Graduate Student Center (PGSC)

AGENDA

- I. Notes from Dean Mason (read by President on her behalf)**
 - a. Minimum stipend raises for graduate students taking place this summer
 - b. Pint nights and coffee hours
- II. Call to Order**
 - a. 6:07 pm
- III. Roll Call***
 - a. Announcement of Newly Elected Senators and Alternates
- IV. Approval of Minutes (General Consent)**
 - a. Minutes are approved
- V. Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. Motion to fix the agenda adjournment time to 8:00 pm made by Senator from HDFS
 - i. Second by Senator from PULSE
 - ii. Motion passes
- VI. Officer Reports (General Consent)**
 - a. None
- VII. Committee and Team Reports (General Consent)**
 - a. None
- VIII. Other Reports (General Consent)**
 - a. None
- IX. Old Business**
 - a. **Consideration of Old Legislation Amending Governing Documents (Requires vote)**
 - i. **SP23-WM001 – “Amendments for Financial Code of Operations”** (Procedural Vote)
 1. Period of Discussion closed
 2. Period of Voting
 - a. Written Motion passes
 - ii. **Simultaneous Consideration of Legislation Package for Accessibility Grant**
 1. **SP23-B008 – “Amendments to the Financial Code of Operations”**
 - a. Period of Discussion closed
 - b. Period of Voting
 - i. Bill carries
 1. **Aye: 38, Nay: 0, Abstain: 9**
 2. **SP23-B009 – “Funding of the Accessibility Grant”**
 - a. Period of Discussion closed
 - b. Period of Voting
 - i. Bill carries
 1. **Aye: 36, Nay: 0, Abstain: 11**
- X. New Business**
 - a. **Introduction of Emergency Legislation**
 - i. None
 - b. **Reading of New Legislation (Unanimous Consent required for bulk consideration)**



- i. Motion to waive reading by Senator from Food Science
 1. Second by Senator from Statistics
- ii. No objections
- iii. Reading on all legislation is waived
- c. Elections for PGSG 2023-2024 Executive Board**
 - i. President
 1. Candidates
 - a. Alex Seto
 - b. Somosmita Mitra
 - c. Ailin Fei
 2. Somosmita Mitra will be the 2023-2024 President.
 3. Votes
 - a. 33 Somosmita Mitra
 - b. 5 Ailin Fei
 - c. 7 Alex Seto
 - ii. Senate Chair
 1. Candidates
 - a. Josiah Davidson
 2. Josiah Davidson will be the 2023-2024 Senate Chair.
 3. Votes
 - a. 40 Confidence (yes)
 - b. 3 No Confidence (no)
 - iii. Treasurer
 1. Candidates
 - a. Swati Shikha
 2. Swati Shikha will be the 2023-2024 Treasurer.
 3. Votes
 - a. 44 Confidence (yes)
 - iv. Chief of Staff
 1. Candidates
 - a. Ailin Fei
 - b. Oluwabunmi Ojo
 - i. Bylaws must be suspended since this senator has not previously held an executive board position
 - ii. Motion to suspend bylaws by Senate Chair
 1. Second
 - iii. Bylaws are suspended
 - c. Mohammed Metwaly
 - i. Bylaws must be suspended since this senator has not previously held an executive board position
 - ii. Motion to suspend bylaws by Senator from History
 1. Second
 - iii. Bylaws are suspended
 2. Ailin Fei will be the 2023-2024 Chief of Staff
 3. Votes
 - a. 27 Ailin Fei
 - b. 4 Oluwabunmi Ojo
 - c. 13 Mohammed Metwaly
 - v. Legislative Affairs Officer
 1. Candidates
 - a. Alex Seto



- b. Elnara Mammadova
 2. Alex Seto will be the 2023-2024 Legislative Affairs Officer.
 3. Votes
 - a. 37 Alex Seto
 - b. 7 Elnara Mammadova
 - c. 1 abstain
- vi. Diversity Officer
 1. Candidates
 - a. Mohammed Metwaly
 - b. Rachel Zhang
 - c. Roseline Adewuyi
 - i. Bylaws must be suspended since this senator has not previously held a senator position
 - ii. Motion to suspend bylaws by Senator from IE
 1. Second by Senator from ASEC
 - iii. Bylaws are suspended
 2. Rachel Zhang will be the 2023-2024 Diversity Officer.
 3. Votes
 - a. 13 Mohammed Metwaly
 - b. 24 Rachel Zhang
 - c. 6 Roseline Adewuyi
 - d. 1 abstain
- vii. Public Relations
 1. Candidates
 - a. Shreya Gaur
 2. Shreya Gaur will be the 2023-2024 Public Relations Officer.
 3. Votes
 - a. 43 Confidence (yes)
- d. **Budget Approval** – *“Approval of Budget for AY 2023-2024”*
 - i. Treasurer presents proposed budget and discusses changes from the AY 2022-2023.
 1. Senator from CS asks about payment for Work Study students at the graduate center. These salaries will be covered by the graduate school. Senator also asks about what the computer fee is.
 2. Senator from IE asks about the senate projects line item. Discretionary funds are accessible but require many signatures from overseers.
 3. Senator from Chemistry asks about meeting expenses and if this goes toward food. Food is a large part of this budget. Senator also asks about the Career teams LinkedIn line item.
 4. Senator from IE asks about GRAC budget for summer and the use of these grants. Also expresses a fear of these funds running out. GRAC chair notes that the team also voted on the GRAC budget and notes a GRAC excess pot that can move between different grants.
 5. Senator from English asks about the line item for the PGSC Secretary. The graduate school will now cover this salary.
 - ii. Period of Voting
 1. Budget is approved
 - a. **Aye: 36, Nay: 0, Abstain: 11**
- e. **Discussion Regarding Emergency Meeting**
 - i. All new legislation scheduled to be discussed today is to be tabled to an Emergency Meeting to be held Monday, April 24 at 5:00 pm via Zoom.



f. Consideration of New PGSG Legislation

i. SP23-B010 – *“Graduate Student Shuttle Voucher Program”*

1. Tabled

ii. SP23-B011 – *“Senate Meeting Betterment”*

1. Tabled

iii. Simultaneous consideration of Legislation Package for Small Research Grant

1. SP23-R012 – *“Resolution establishing the PGSG Small Research Grant”*

2. SP23-B012 – *“Amendments to the Financial Code of Operations”*

3. SP23-B013 – *“Funding the Small Research Grant”*

a. Tabled

iv. SP23-B014 – *“Establishment of the Purdue Graduate Student Government Sustainability Committee”*

1. Tabled

v. SP23-R013 – *“Expanding upon Academic Regulation Rights for Graduate Students”*

1. Tabled

vi. SP23-R014 – *“Resolution Empowering Graduate staff to use or be compensated for vacation time”*

1. Tabled

g. Consideration of Emergency Legislation

i. None

XI. Reports of University Committees and Boards (General Consent)

a. Tabled

XII. Announcements

a. Emergency Meeting will be held April 24 (Monday) via Zoom at 5:00 pm. There will be no new business. This meeting will be held with the 2022-2023 executive board in place.

XIII. Adjournment

a. 10:16 pm

Minutes *APPROVED* by unanimous consent at regular PGSS meeting on August 26th, 2023.

DocuSigned by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. ...", written over a blue horizontal line.

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Senate Clerk (Acting)