

MINUTES

COMMISSION ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 17 @ 3:30pm
Graduate Life Center – Meeting Room B

Present: Ainsley Cragin, Benjamin Janosy, Caroline Lohr, Danielle Panico, Elizabeth Durham (for Prince Wang), Ennis McCrery, Grayson Moyer (for Ashlyn Top), Jack Leff, Jalen Neal (for Amanda Coleman), James Bridgeforth (for Frank Shushok), Jared Rubino (for Graham Anderson-Johnson), Jen Pike, Kit Friedman, Lauren Surface, Michael Chin, Mohamed Hussein (for Noor Hunt), Monica Hunter (for Kimberly Smith), Monica Nguyen, Morgan Salvato, Paolo Fermin, Phillip Miskovic, Sarah Munford (for Sidney Stearns), Susanna Rinehart, Terri Pecora

Absent with Notice: Kamla Al Amri, Tamara Cherry-Clarke

Absent: Alice Fox, Benjamin Janosy, Ege Onar, Justin Ratcliffe, Senija Davis

Guests: April Myers, Juwan Jacobs

Ariana Guevara called the meeting to order at 3:36pm. A quorum was present.

1) Attendance

2) Adoption of Agenda

- A motion was made, and seconded, to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

3) Announcement of Approval and Posting of Minutes for February 17, 2022

- Ariana noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically, and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the Web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

4) Leadership Lesson with Susanna

- Susanna Rinehart shared some reflections on her understanding of leadership from her experience of service in various capacities.

5) CSA Announcements

- Ariana reminded everyone that at the end of this academic year, the new CSA will be under the Undergraduate Student Senate, and will have a new name: Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs (CUSA).
- Discussion was had about the upcoming Commission on Undergraduate Student Affairs (CUSA) chair be elected internally by commission members, or externally, by the student body.
- Dr. James Bridgeforth made an announcement regarding “A Conversation with Ms. Opal Lee: The Grandmother of Juneteenth” scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 27th from 3 to 4:30pm in Burruss Hall and by Livestream.

6) University Council Updates

- a. University Council Update
 - University Council met on Monday, February 21, 2022. Official minutes can be read here: https://governance.vt.edu/assets/cnl_uc_mins_02-21-2022.pdf
 - Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies Resolution CGPSP 2021-22D Resolution to Institute a Living Wage for Graduate Students was presented for the second reading.
 - The end result after a lengthy discussion, and several proposed amendments, is that the official second reading was deferred to the next UC meeting.

- Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies Resolution CGPSP 2021-22E Resolution to Change the GPSS Constitution to Move Transition of Leadership to Spring was presented for the second reading, and passed.
- The following two resolutions were presented for their first reading:
 - University Council Resolution UC 2021-22A Resolution to Revise the System of Shared Governance at Virginia Tech and Approve the new University Council Constitution and Bylaws
 - University Council Resolution UC 2021-22B Resolution to Rename the College of Architecture and Urban Studies
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022.

7) Student Budget Board Update

- a. Ariana gave a brief SBB presentation on behalf of Student Budget Board. Presentation attached.

8) Old Business

- a. CSA Resolution 2021-22E for Approval of Undergraduate Student Senate Governing Documents was presented for the second reading.

- Feedback has been received from all of the senates, and is attached for review.
 - Faculty Senate waived to comment
 - GPSS endorsed resolution
 - Staff Senate endorsed, but had editorial comments
 - Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate also endorsed, but shared editorial comments
- Juwan Jacobs shared that he and Bob Hickok were scheduled to meet on Friday, March 18. At which time they will work together to double check the updated numbering of all crossed referenced articles and such, to ensure accuracy and transparency. In addition, they will work on the editorial recommendations received by the senates.
- A motion is made to approve the resolution, upon the above stated conditions. The motion is seconded. A vote was taken on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9) New Business

- Jack Leff proposes that he is willing to enter a second motion to table the resolutions indefinitely, in exchange for the commission to agree to begin developing a work plan, within the next month or so, for a jointly held subcommittee between CUSA and CGPSA. This committee will work to craft policies relevant to both grads and undergrads moving forward.
- After a lengthy discussion that included what type of members would make up the sub-committee; to a recommendation of completely separating the first reading of the resolutions, from the said, requested sub-committee; Jack makes a motion to defer the first reading of the four resolutions as outlined below to the April 14th meeting.
 - CSA Resolution 2021-22A - Resolution to Establish VT as a Sanctuary Campus and Expand Protections for Undocumented Students
 - CSA Resolution 2021-22B - Resolution to Expand Protections for International Students and Establish a Bridge Fund

- CSA Resolution 2021-22C - Resolution to Make Student Services More Readily Available for Graduate Students During the Semester and Summer
- CSA Resolution 2021-22D - Resolution for Secure Equitable Funding for Cook Counseling

10) Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made; seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022 @ 3:30pm

****Updated Location** GLC Meeting Room B****

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*Budget Boards Presentation -
3/17/2022*

Presented on Behalf of the Budget Boards



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\$700k
Appropriated to RSOs

\$574k
Appropriated to SBB RSOs

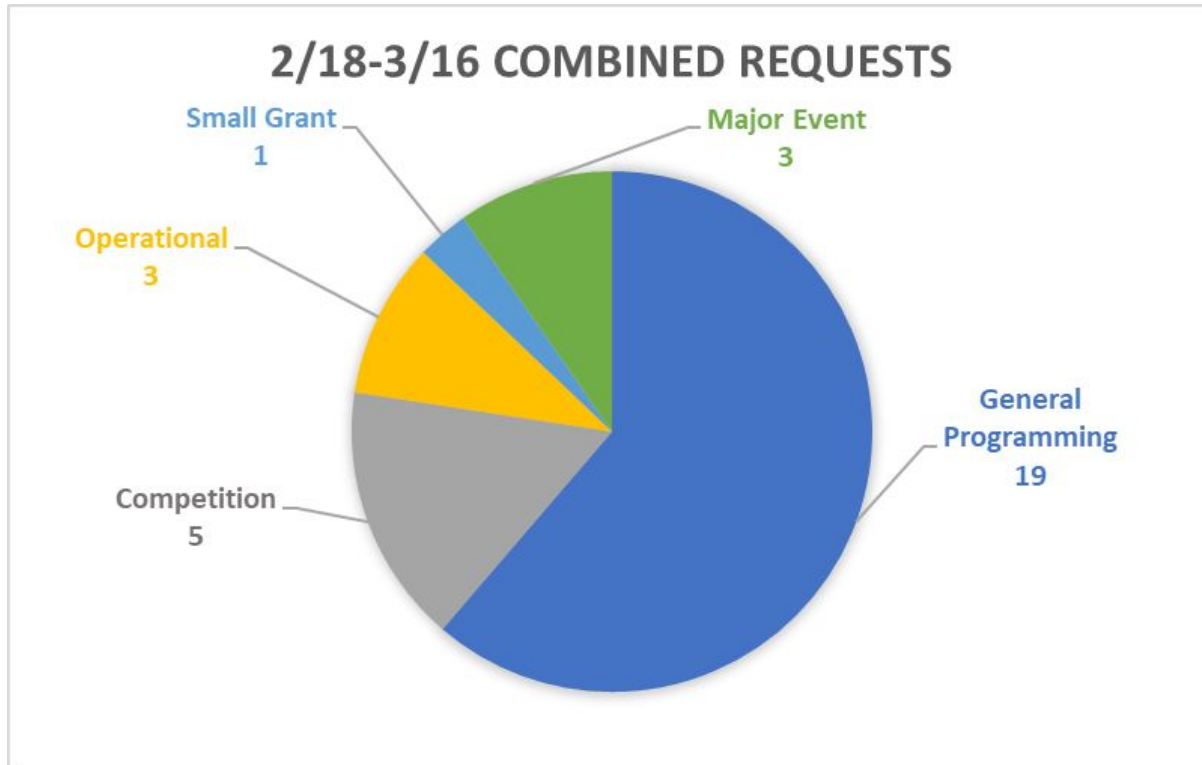
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Amount Funded (SBB)

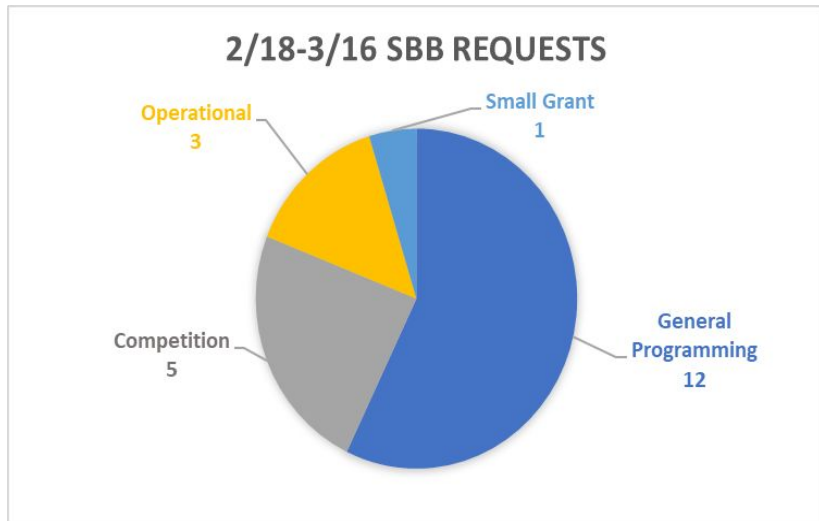
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Data from Aug 1st → March 16th

Combined SBB & GSBB: 2/18 - 3/16

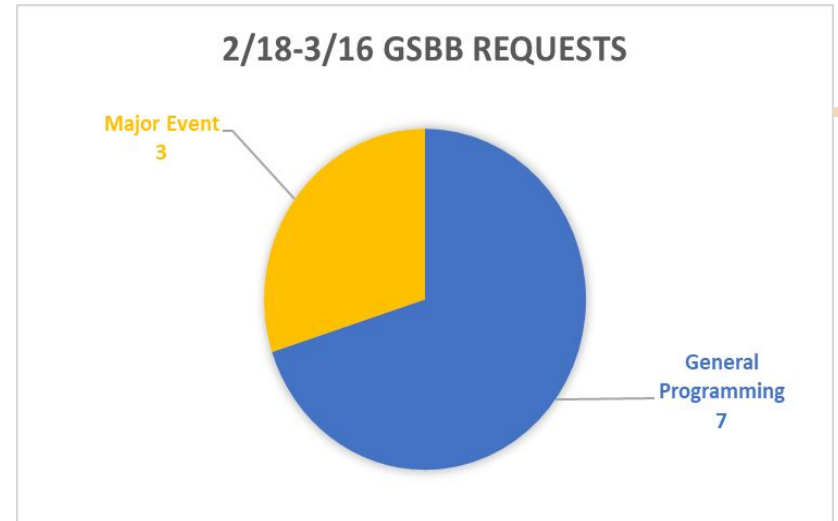


SBB and GSBB: 2/18-3/16



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SBB Requests



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GSBB Requests

State of SBB: Overall

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Requests

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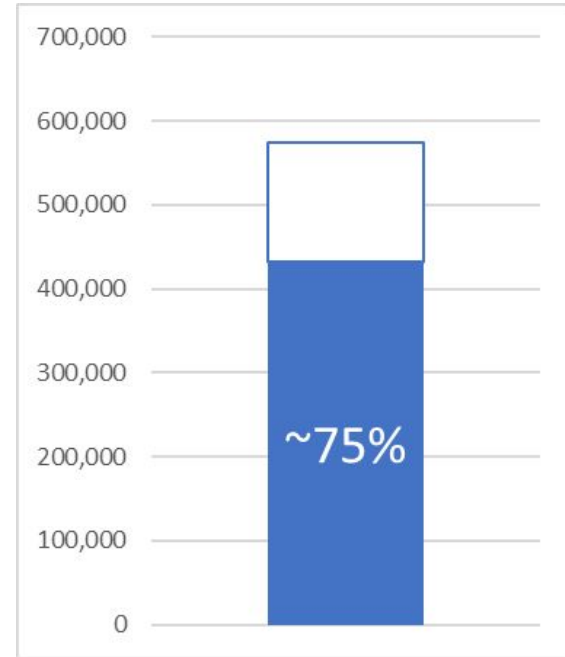
Approved Requests

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Unique Organizations

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Amount Funded



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State of GSBB: Overall

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Requests

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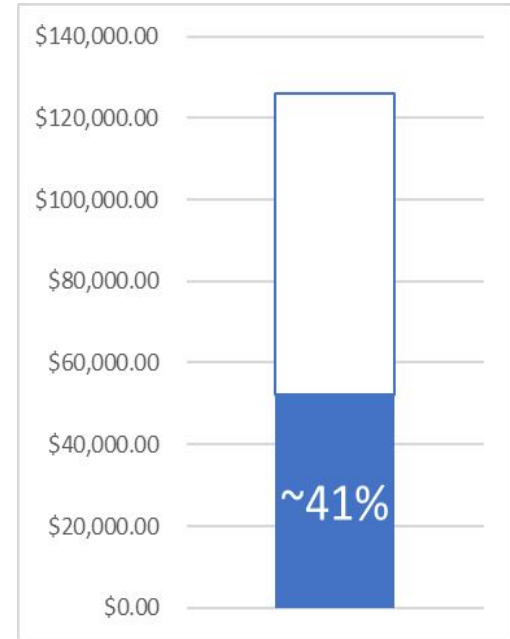
Approved Requests

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Unique Organizations

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Amount Funded



Amount Approved out
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Combined: Overall

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Requests

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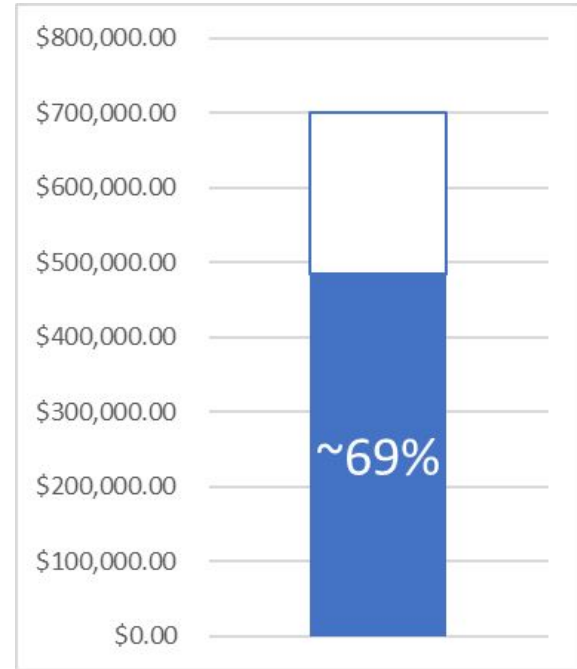
Approved Requests

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Unique Organizations

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Amount Funded



Amount Approved out
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February 26, 2022

Resolution CSA 2021-22E

The Faculty Senate will waive our right to comment on CSA 2021-22E: Resolution for Approval of Undergraduate Student Senate Governing Documents.

Respectfully,

Dr. Robert Weiss
Faculty Senate President

Professor of Natural Hazards
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Department of Geosciences



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The GPSS reviewed CSA 2021-2022E and voted as a general body to endorse the resolution. We opted to do this, rather than simply waive our right to comment, in order to place an emphasis on the good work from the undergraduates.



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Staff Senate

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March 14, 2022

To: Vice President of Policy and Governance

The Staff Senate Committee on Policy and Issues has reviewed and approves CSA Resolution 2021-22E. We do have a couple of brief comments about the division system used in the Bylaws document. First the Table of Contents lists Article III as being the Cabinet but in actuality it is the Definitions article and Article IV is the Cabinet. Additionally, there are two places that are labelled Article IV (Cabinet and Senators) in the Bylaws (pages 5 and 13) and this messes up the numbering of the subsequent Articles. Consequently, any references made throughout the document to a certain article and section number will need to be checked for correctness that this article and section number is the correct one for what is being referenced.

We support this resolution and have no further comment.

**Thank you,
Amber Robinson, Chair Staff Senate Policies and Issues Committee**



Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

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March 16, 2022

To: Vice President of Policy and Governance

From: A/P Faculty Senate Polices and Issues Committee

The A/P Faculty Senate Polices and Issues Committee has reviewed and approves/endorsees the Commission on Student Affairs Resolution 2021-22E for Approval of Undergraduate Student Senate Governing Documents with the following comments.

- Consider removing college specific language under Article IV: Definitions, due to the pending college name changes with College of Architecture and Urban Studies.
- Under Section 2: Membership, consider changing A/P Faculty Representative to A/P Faculty Senate Representative.

We have no further comment.