

FA21-R004

**Declaration of Commitment to Shared Governance and
Equitable Representation**

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NOTING

PGSG's commitment to equity, diversity, inclusivity, and democratic representation on Purdue's campus and

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The Purdue University Board of Trustees' June 2021 decision to enact a civic literacy requirement for undergraduate students despite the prior rejection of multiple versions of the proposal by the University Senate and

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The University Senate's September 2021 [statement](#) that the Board of trustees "failed to undertake appropriate self-limitation", and thus did not "follow authoritative norms of shared governance" with regard to the enactment of the civics literacy requirement and

NOTING

COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) 2018 survey [data](#) indicating a lack of confidence in university governance among Purdue faculty compared to faculty at Purdue's peer institutions and

NOTING

Recent strained or broken trust between Purdue students and university administration in light of recent slow or unsatisfactory responses to issues of mental health or sexual assault on campus and

NOTING

Current lack of equitable representation and voting privileges for Purdue employees, students, grad-students, and adjunct/non-tenure track in campus decision-making and

NOTING

The recently formed Shared Governance Taskforce's expressed goal of developing a proposal for an alternative governance model conducive to more equitable representation at Purdue, including plans to "Create opportunities for participation in shared governance by groups that have been historically uninvolved (e.g. staff, students)" and "Develop mechanisms that facilitate intentional collaboration across all campus stakeholders".¹

BE IT RESOLVED

The Purdue Graduate Student Government expresses commitment to, and solidarity with, the Shared Governance Taskforce's described project of developing a more equitable and representative shared governance model at Purdue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The Purdue Graduate Student Government does not yet endorse a specific organizational arrangement, but promises to work with and assist the Shared Governance Taskforce's goal of developing a more equitable and representative governance model at Purdue.

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In light of the Shared Governance Taskforce's assertion that "all voices on campus should be represented, able, and encouraged to participate in discussions about procedures, policies, and practices that affect them"², the Purdue Graduate Student Government advocates not only for greater inclusion of less-represented academic and labor-groups (e.g. grad students, lecturers, employees) in university governance, but also for structures and policies that better facilitate the integration of marginalized and historically-underrepresented voices (across lines of sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, ability etc.) into matters of shared governance.

President

Parliamentarian

¹[Shared Governance Taskforce Listening Session](#)

² [Shared Governance Taskforce "Rationale for Restructuring"](#)