

Executive Reports

Report of the President:

- Graduate Council:
 - MS degree naming conversations continued,
 - Efrain and I will be working to update the graduate student handbook to reflect current policy language and policies across the university,
 - Cait will be with the group reviewing mental health resources and policies for graduate students
 - Please forward any input you have on these topics to the executive team
- First round of MEW award review is complete! Thanks to my awards committee and Vishesh who helped us with first round review.
 - All nominations will now move to the faculty review committee for final selection.
 - Awards will be announced at spring graduation through the provost's award ceremony, so do not expect answers as to the status of that award until the end of the semester.
- Student Fee Committee: held our election on all ISU unit fee proposals and have submitted our recommendations to the president and for Board of Regents for approval. All voting results and potential fee information is still confidential at this time.
- Leadership, Research, and Teaching Awards are due Monday, March 6th at 11:59 PM. You can self-nominate!
 - Anyone interested in serving on the awards selection committee please reach out to Christine at gpspres@iastate.edu

Report of the Vice President:

- Do you want to have more direct involvement in advocating for the needs of graduate and professional students on campus? It's time to start thinking about running for an executive position!
 - Great opportunity for both professional development and resume-building.
 - Duties and responsibilities for positions are listed in our governing documents and on Canvas.
 - **Elections are in April!**
 - Reach out to a particular executive member if you are interested in running for his/her position.
- Let's talk about Senate participation ...
 - Recess following executive reports

Report of the Treasurer:

We received 16 allocation requests. Please make sure your constituents are familiar with the articles related to allocations in case they need to follow appeals.

If you want to run for Treasurer next year, it is a good opportunity for you to start becoming familiar with the procedures. --> gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu

Report of the Senate Information Officer:

- Discord server has been launched and I will be maintaining/overseeing it. Feel free to use this resource to get conversations going regarding things GPSS is working on, anything you would like to be discussing, and any questions you may have or your constituents may have!
 - Great resource for discussing concerns without the rigid formality of email etiquette
 - I have added channels for announcements, resources, general discussion, meeting plans, new business, chatting, and off-topic information as well as several channels for voice chatting
 - Let me know if you have any feedback or would like any additional channels to be added!
- CASTLE Student Technology Fee Advisory Group Representatives are needed to help give the Graduate College student feedback about how the student technology fee is spent!
 - At least 2 more members are needed, but 4 more spots are available for the advisory group
 - Let me know if you or any constituents would like to join!
 - Responsibilities will be at most 2 meetings per semester with the Graduate College

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer:

- Faculty Senate met on February 14th
 - Provost presented updated list of peer institutions: Michigan State University, North Carolina State University, Purdue University, Colorado State University, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, Oregon State University, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Virginia Tech
 - Made announcement on behalf of GPSS inviting faculty to our Graduate Research Conference
- Drive-in conference postponed

Report of the Conference Chair:

- Registration Survey is READY – Has been sent to ISU DOGEs, chairs, deans, etc.
https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2azyjqt1m3TxxMa

(Fill it out! Pass it along!)

- Flyers are printed! Senators need to put these up in your buildings / bulletin boards.

Here's the QR (also on Flyers!):



- Workshops solidified... see tentative program <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/conference>
- Invited Student Organizations (ISC, Good Earth, BGSA, QGSA, SASA) Let us know if you want to invite anyone else!
- Budget looking good! Come join the fun and/or compete for prize money!!
- THANK YOU to the Conference Committee (Wei, Taea, Chinwendu, and Daniel!)

Report of the Graduate Health and Wellness Chair:

- Out of Darkness Walk planning is in the progress