



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### Executive Reports

#### Report of the President

- Senior VP of Finance Candidate Interviews Concluded
- BOR Meeting: Campus Safety
  - Agenda Items Focused on Infrastructure to support student safety
    - Lighting on campus
    - App development
    - Police and community relationships
- Potential for a drive-in conference for all Regent student/ grad senate executive boards
- MU Planning and Development Committee
  - Rebuild of the MU parking garage
    - How can we make the MU more of a destination for students?
- Provost
  - Reimagine LAS: managing programs running on a deficit budget
    - 15 mill target reduction
  - Main Takeaway:
    - Would welcome innovative solutions
    - Need more information on the timing and feasibility of potential innovation
- Dean Graves
  - Discussion on the interdepartmental funding issues
  - Course catalog
  - New associate dean for Grad College – will likely be involved with GPSS
- Margaret Ellen White Awards: Due Dec 5<sup>th</sup>
  - If there are multiple submissions from a department, senators will be asked to help the awards committee review submissions
- Interest in joining awards committee? Email me!
- Interest in joining an action committee to work on creating our new DEI committee? Email me!



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### **Report of the Vice President:**

- In the process of finalizing the remainder of next semester's Senate locations
  - We will be in the MU in February and March
  - Our January and April meetings will take place elsewhere on campus

### **Report of the Treasurer:**

- Ongoing transition
- Will be attending the student fees committee

### **Report of the Senate Information Officer:**

- Will serve on CASTLE (the Committee for the Advancement of Student Technology for Learning) next semester to better represent student needs in how the technology fee is spent
- Created a Discord Channel for easier ways for GPSS to connect, hold conversations, and ask questions
- New email templates have been sent to Graduate College IT regarding the automated PAG fund emails to better clarify common FAQs from students who have applied for PAG funding

### **Report of the Senate Engagement Officer:**

- Attended a Prep Session with student leaders from all Iowa Public Universities and Regent Crow on November 7
- Attended the Board of Regents on November 10
  - Conversation with Regents Barker, Crow and Risewick
- Attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students on December 1-3
  - Replicating the model across Iowa Universities
  - URLA committee



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### **Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Conference Chair:**

- Confirmed GPSS Conference date for April 12 (Wed) in the Memorial Union
  - Put it on your calendar folks!!
- Had our first official Conference Committee meeting last week
  - Taea Bonner
  - Wei Chen
  - Chinwendu Ozoh
  - This could be you!! :)
- Survey for Keynote Speaker nominations forthcoming (for senators and constituents)
  - Meeting with Amanda Knief before Winter break

**\*\*Join us for our senator social event this Wednesday at Clouds (7-9pm)!**

### **Report of the Graduate Health and Wellness Chair:**

- Senators' social is this Wednesday from 7-9pm at Clouds Café! Don't forget to come!