



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### Executive Reports

#### Report of the President:

- Graduate Council Meeting
  - Updating policy on transfer courses for ISU undergraduates entering graduate programs at Iowa State.
  - Masters program naming and coursework only master's programs
  - Grad Student handbook
- Student Union Board
  - Renovating the main lounge area to be more student friendly and encourage gatherings
- Special Student Fee Committee Meeting- starting to hear presentations from various entities across campus
  - One thing we would like to do is assess what services graduate students are utilizing on campus
  - Developing a survey for graduate students to complete which will inform our votes on fee proposals and better assess how we use campus resources
- Updates from Administration
  - Search for the Senior VP of Operations and Finance and the VP of Extension and Outreach
  - New Telehealth Counseling services offered through ISU- Please share with your constituents!
- Met with Newest Board of Regents Member, Regent J.C. Risewick
- Executive Board Meeting
  - Discussed our goals as an administration and action items to accompany them
  - Themes
    - Internal-
      - Improving and clarifying processes (everything from executive transitions to the PAG and award systems on our website)



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- GPSS Engagement: strengthen relationships to units across campus
- DEI Committee
- External
  - GPSS and Senator Engagement
    - Improve and foster stronger graduate student connections to GPSS and to other graduate students outside of their own department
    - Social and networking events
  - Resource Bank
    - Collect and clarify resources on campus of graduate interest

### Report of the Vice President:

- Name placards are IN! If you didn't grab yours when you walked in, please do so either during recess or at the end of the meeting.
  - What you submitted on the Google Form is what was printed on the placard.
    - Connect with me if you find discrepancies with yours.
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Graduate Student Listening Sessions
  - Make your voice heard!
  - If you are a CALS rep or affiliated with CALS, both please distribute these opportunities to your constituents and consider attending.
- GPSS/Student Government Joint Meeting

### Report of the Treasurer:

### Report of the Senate Information Officer:

- Students who self-nominated themselves as Senators on the nomination form have been confirmed with DOGEs/Department Heads
- Attended the first meeting of the ITS Student Advisory Board and will continue to sit on this board going forward
  - Will continue advocating for graduate student technological needs and for improving the PAG system



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- Changes to printing system
- Printing will not require a fee for each print job
- Students will have 1,000 printing units per month
- The Advisory Board is seeking to increase student representation regarding how student fees are spent, reach out to me if you are interested in getting involved in this capacity
- Attended a meeting with Dean Graves and Graduate College IT representative John Clark regarding streamlining the PAG system and application process
  - Working on rewording the automated system emails to be more informative and less confusing
  - Discussed the possibility of rolling the PAG system completely into WorkDay
- Senators who missed both general meetings so far have been notified and warned of the 3-absence limit
  - Senators who responded that they are no longer active have been removed from the Website, Canvas, and email list

### Report of the Senate Engagement Officer:

#### Report of the GPS Conference Chair:

- We had our first official committee meeting today – Join us!!!
- Seeking input from YOU ALL for conference **theme, speakers, panelists, competition format, promotional material**, etc. (Survey by the end of the month)
- Scheduled for the second week of April 2023
- Coordinate with new Treasurer to secure funds/budget
- Help plan Senator Social event

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

- Health and wellness symposium planning is on-going
  - Working with department chairs to encourage faculty to attend the symposium
  - Senators and graduate students are strongly encouraged to join
- Incorporating Green Dot in graduate student orientation
- Meetings with Dr Younger (vice president of student affairs) and Dean Evans (Dean of Students) to discuss potential improvements in counseling services to address students' needs through additional group counseling, support groups, and information sessions, especially at times of urgency



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- Planning a Senator's Social event