



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### Executive Reports

#### Report of the President:

- Attended 10 different departmental and college-wide new graduate student orientations in August and September
- Graduate Council Meeting- (SEO will cover details of the meeting itself)
- Board of Regents Meeting- Graduate Student Breakfast
  - Legislative asks
  - Results
  - [Meeting Recap](#) and [Agenda](#)
- President's Council
  - President Updates
  - CyTown Q&A
- MU Advisory Board
  - Jiztom Francis, Senator from Electrical and Computer Engineering is new VP
  - Focus for the upcoming year is to assess services related to DEI, mental health, leadership, event services, student engagement.
  - How can the MU better serve graduate students?
- 1:1's with leadership
  - Reiterate BoR Completion of Free Speech Training
  - Communicating Up and Across
- Awards Committee-
  - Margaret Ellen White Award (Deadline Mon. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - Low-time commitment and would be a good secondary committee!

#### Report of the Vice President:

- A friendly reminder to please consider joining a GPSS standing committee – this is not the executive's Senate, but YOUR Senate. We encourage you to get involved to help strengthen and direct the work of GPSS.



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- Committees include the Rules Committee, Finance Committee, the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee, Election and Operations Committee, the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Committee, the Social Committee, the Awards Committee, Marketing and Public Relations Committee, and the Graduate and Professional Student Wellness Committee. Information on who to contact is available in September's meeting minutes that you received via email and (now that they're approved) uploaded on Canvas as well as on the website at [https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/senate\\_committees](https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/senate_committees).
- We hosted Dr. Leslie Hogben prior to this evening's meeting. She has worked extensively with LAS senators from previous GPSS academic terms and is looking to connect with LAS representatives again to work on policy and advocacy for LAS. If you are a LAS Senator, we encourage you to cultivate this relationship and reach out to her at [hogben@iastate.edu](mailto:hogben@iastate.edu).
- Thank you to everyone who put in their order for name placards. If yours is incorrect, please see me at the end of the meeting.
  - We only received orders from half the Senate. I will open one more order form after tonight's meeting for a second submission to Print Services. Please be on the lookout for this on Canvas and submit your name placard request ASAP.

### Report of the Treasurer:

- Deadline for Fall2022 Allocations: Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

### Report of the Senate Information Officer:

- Attended Food Sciences orientation to help with senator recruitment and advertisement of the PAG grant
- Responded to emails regarding PAG application status
- All current senators have been added to the website/canvas/email list
- DOGEs for students who self-nominated have been reached out to in order to confirm senators
- GPSS website and Canvas page have been updated for the 2022-2023 academic year



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- Attending Information Technology Student Advisory Committee to voice concerns/complaints about current PAG system
- Merged gpsscio@gmail.com and gpsssio@iastate.edu accounts to reduce confusion/improve communication involving the SIO position
- Set up election and attendance quizzes for tonight's meeting
- Working on creating a PAG application guide for applying to and receiving PAG funding
- Contact me if you are interested in joining either of my senate committees
  - Election and Operations
    - Make sure positions are filled, supervising elections, and keeping GPSS website updated
  - Marketing and Public Relations
    - Maintaining social media accounts, overseeing communication between GPSS and constituents

### Report of the Senate Engagement Officer:

- Completed University Committee appointments (100% positions filled)
  - SIO has updated University Committees on GPSS website, all representatives and their emails are listed
- Recruited senator from the College of Design
- Attended Graduate Council meeting with Christine and Caitlyn on August 31, 2022
  - Revisions to Graduate Handbook
  - Revision to admission policies and language test requirements
  - Coursework only Master's programs
  - Revisions of Grad Council Bylaws
- Attended Faculty Senate Meeting on September 13, 2022
  - Minutes will be published here:  
<https://www.facsen.iastate.edu/fsmeetings/agenda-and-minutes>
- Attended Committee of Lectures meeting on September 19, 2022
  - Political Event Guidelines for 2022-23 approved
- Minute taker appointed: Senator Holm from Mechanical Engineering
- Renewed membership to National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)



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- Attended meeting with Christine and the Open & Affordable Education Committee Chair to discuss GPSS representation and participation

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

- Join the Conference Committee!!!
- Contact Ryan (me!) at [gpssconfchair@iastat.edu](mailto:gpssconfchair@iastat.edu) and/or [reverett@iastate.edu](mailto:reverett@iastate.edu)
- Building / brainstorming on last year's event (open to feedback!)
- Promoting this opportunity for our colleagues to show off their hard work
- Fundraise and build the budget
- Develop this year's theme and survey for keynote speakers

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

- Orienting to the position, connecting with Student Health/various wellness-affiliated university leaders to begin planning for Health and Wellness Week/Green Dot Action Month.