

6:30PM, Physics 0003

I . Meeting called to order at 6:33, 9/26/2022

- Role Call
- Quorum Confirmed
- Motion to approve minutes from August meeting
 - Motion seconded and approved
- Motion to approve agenda for September meeting
 - Motion seconded and approved

II . Speakers

- Amanda Knief: Presentation on Basic Parliamentary Procedure
 - Her job is to help students bring speakers to campus
 - What is Parliamentary Procedure?
 - Set of rules to move business along while maintaining order and easing communication
 - Robert's Rules
 - Mason's
 - Jefferson's
 - Basic Principles
 - Only one issue at a time
 - All members have equal and basic rights: vote, to be heard, and to oppose
 - Majority vote decides most issues
 - Chair is impartial
 - Scripts for most actions
 - The language used is meant to provide consistent and clear communication
 - Allow the minute taker to easily record actions
 - Motions, Motions, Motions
 - Mover and seconder
 - Motion begins with a mover, can not continue without a seconder
 - Steps
 - Member is recognized by chair
 - Mover says: I move that...
 - Second member, without being recognized, yells out "second"
 - Chair states the question, chair restates motion
 - Chair opens motion to debate, mover is allowed to speak first
 - 30 min. Max, 3 min. Per member
 - Amendments
 - Chair closes discussion and "puts the motion" - restates the question again.

- “Those in favor say ‘aye’”
 - “Those opposed say ‘nay’”
 - Chair may call for hands, if voice vote is unclear
 - Chair states the result of the vote and action that will be taken
- A Motion for (Almost) Everything
 - Fix the time to which to adjourn, adjourn, and recess
 - Is amendable but not debatable
 - Adjourn cannot be amended
 - Dealing with a motion:
 - Lay on the table (postpone discussion)
 - Move the previous question (ends debate); $\frac{2}{3}$ vote (not amendable)
 - Limit/extend debate; $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
 - Postpone to X (amendable)
 - Commit or refer (send pending motion to a small group or committee)
 - Postpone indefinitely (kills the main motion)
- More motions
 - Speaking without recognition of the chair
 - Certain actions that require urgent attention
 - Point of order
 - E.g., loss of quorum
 - Appeal from a decision of the chair (needs second)
 - Raise a question of privilege
 - Call for order of the day (brings body back to the agenda)
 - Suspend the rules: needs second and $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
 - Rescind or amend something previously adopted
 - Mover must be on winning side, needs second, can be amended, and requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote
- Hypotheticals
 - Member A and B want GPSS to pay \$1,000 for everyone to take a parliamentary training course
 - Under GPSS standing rules, all motions must be submitted 12 calendar days before a regular senate meeting
 - Script acted out by GPSS, demonstrating the rules described above, following the GPSS standing rules
- Summary
 - Parliamentary procedure gives every member the same rights and ability to make their position known

- Understanding basic motion and amendment procedure ensures that dissent is heard, and members have opportunity to put their ideas forward.
 - You can always email Amanda with any questions.
- Zoey Fay-Stindt
 - Graduate student voices
 - Steering committee of graduate student voices (GSV)
 - History of GSV
 - Response to Covid-19 protocols and grad worker safety
 - Decided a grad student union was the best way to address these needs
 - Living wages
 - 12-month assistantships
 - Better healthcare
 - Worker's Compensation
 - Additional context
 - Unions exist in Iowa & Iowa's education system
 - University of Iowa has had a union since 1996
 - Mission
 - Protect graduate worker's rights
 - Advocate for a living wage and a humane work environment
 - Create and strengthen connections across departments, programs and disciplines
 - How We Achieve Our Goals
 - 10% of graduate workers supporting a "yes" vote to unionize
 - About 400 people
 - Get support (financial and legal) from a parent union
 - United electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UE)
 - Hold a unionization vote (50% voting yes)
 - Tiers of Graduate Student Voices
 - Voter
 - Interested in voting "yes" to unionize
 - Community builder
 - Interesting in bringing other ISU graduate workers into the fold to vote "yes"
 - Steering committee volunteer
 - Next listening session October 18th, Tuesday, 6-7, Ames Public Library Auditorium
 - Get Connected
 - bit.ly/isugsv
 - [Isugraduatestudentvoices.com](https://isugraduatestudentvoices.com)
 - graduatestudentvoices.isu@gmail.com
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/isugraduatestudentvoices>
 - Instagram: @graduatestudentvoices.isu
 - Questions

- How do I show interest?
 - Show interest by going to the website
 - Is there a target time for holding a unionization vote?
 - Target time for union vote, hopefully by the end of the year
 - They're a small team without a lot of time, but have been growing quickly
 - Has GSV had any official conversations with ISU?
 - A lot of conversations have been held between GSV and ISU faculty, talks were kept low down until they have been able to acquire more power, have not had a lot of official conversations because of this
 - What communication channels has GSV been using?
 - Have been using unofficial community channels in the past, but have been slowly moving towards more official channels. Still not using ISU emails, but are opening up communication channels
 - What risks are there to getting involved with this?
 - No risks for saying they're voting yes, no higher up leadership members have seen any retribution
 - What steps are there for unionizing?
 - Steps for unionizing
 - Get 10% of grad student body to say they are interested in a vote to show parent union that we could use their support
 - What legal background is required for this?
 - Not sure, but we do need a parent union
 - There are lots of international students with fear of voting on something like this, what should they do?
 - GSV keeps all information confidential
 - Only the steering committee can see names
 - Parent union knows how to protect people, international students may be at risk, but just by voting yes, no one would know who you are
 - Questions cutoff for time, attend meeting if interested
- About the Senate
 - Senate Legislation
 - Bills: Binding legislation that requires action of the whole senate to pass
 - Amend constitution and by-laws
 - Introduce new or modify/repeal existing rules and procedures
 - Approve special and regular allocations(must be reviews by finance committee
 - Approval of all financial issues
 - Orders: Binding legislation, requires action of the senate
 - Appointment of senators to SG graduate senators at-large
 - Enforcing or changing rules of conduct with senate jurisdiction

- Resolutions: Non-binding, conveys opinions to outside groups, departments, etc.
 - Recognize people, events, issues, places
 - Request removal of a senator or executive council member
- Writing legislation
 - Decide an appropriate bill type
 - Find senators to co-author and help draft legislation
 - Use template found on GPSS website
 - Use descriptive but concise title
 - Include relevant “whereas” statements describing the issue
- Submitting legislation
 - Drafted legislation must be submitted to rules committee for review
 - Submitted fourteen days prior to senate meeting
 - Send to gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu
- Rules committee will provide opinion if author(s) bill is found unfavorable
 - Provide feedback
 - Changes are not required

III. Executive reports to the Senate

- President - Christine Cain - gpsspresident@iastate.edu
 - Went to departmental and college wide orientations, lots of questions from new students
 - Encouraged to reach out to their senator
 - Graduate council meeting, bring together people to discuss policy concerns
 - Board of regents (BOR) meeting
 - Invited all graduate and undergraduate student presidents and executives
 - Met with U of I and UNI executives
 - Money distribution concerns, meeting inflation
 - Discussed mental health support networks, specifically for online students
 - Tuition raises, affordability, cost of living, etc.
 - BOR amended legislative request for \$1M to go towards mental health support
 - Met with president’s council
 - General updates
 - CyTown show and tell
 - MU advisory board
 - Focusing on DEI
 - 1 on 1 with leadership, getting to know people across campus
 - Expect senators to disseminate and communicate information both up and down chain of command
 - Awards committee

- Updating information, Margaret Ellen White Award, deadline in December
 - Awards committee is a low time commitment position
- Vice-President - Caitlyn Campbell - gpssvicepres@iastate.edu
 - Please join standing committee
 - Rules committee, elections and operation committee, social committee, awards committee
 - Contact information is in September's meeting minutes
 - Dr. Leslie Hogben
 - Looking to connect with LAS representatives to discuss policy and GPSS committee
 - hogben@iastate.edu
 - Name placards were supposed to be here today, they are not
 - Robert's rules will be on the back of these placards as a reminder
- Treasurer - Kevin Chiteri - gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu
 - This friday, Sept. 30th, due date for allocations
- Senate information officer - Garrison Gunter - gpsssio@iastate.edu
 - Attended food sciences orientation to help with senator recruitment
 - Working on PAG grants and applications
 - Added all senators that have received nomination to website and canvas
 - Reached out to DOGEs for students who self-nominated to confirm them
 - Updating GPSS website and canvas page
 - Attending IT student advisory meeting to voice concerns about current PAG system
 - Election and attendance quizzes
 - Creating PAG application guide for those applying, and those who are receiving funds
 - Interesting in joining election and operations committee or marketing and public relations committee, contact the senate information officer
- Senate Engagement Officer - Efrain Rodriguez-Ocasio - gpssseo@iastate.edu
 - Join university relations committee
 - Doesn't meet a lot, in charge of keeping tabs on Iowa Legislature
 - Keep tabs on BOR
 - Interested in public policy or representation, join the committee
 - We have 100% of all university committee position representatives
 - SIO has updated university committees website
 - Recruited senator from college of design
 - First one in awhile
 - Graduate council meeting
 - Revisions to graduate handbook, revisions to admissions policies and language test requirements, update to policies to coursework only master's programs
 - Attended faculty senate meeting
 - Not much to report

- Minutes will be published
 - New minutes taker (Me, AKA Michal Holm)
 - Rejoined national association of graduate and professional students
- Graduate professional student conference chair - Ryan Everett - gpssconfchair@iastate.edu
 - Join the committee
 - A conference in April, hosted by GPSS, for everyone to present their work and research, very accessible
 - If you won't join the committee, at least talk to people and get them to present at this conference
 - Looking for a lot participation
 - Contact Ryan Everett
 - Fundraising is the big goal for the next month
 - Develop this year's theme
- Health and Wellness Officer - Kimia Noroozi - gpsswellness@iastate.edu
 - Building network, working on making masterfile of all available resources
 - Planning health and wellness symposium in February
 - Working on green dot action month, suicide prevention
- Report of student government senators at large
 - Seating new people to their senate seat

IV. Unfinished business

- None presented

V. New business

- Seating college chairs
- Holding election for college chairs, leading litigation, managing senators
- Inside the senate, join executive council meetings
- Stipend of \$800
- Department of ME
 - Establishing this position creates an opportunity for senators to address grievances that fall under their colleges
 - This will hopefully improve engagement with GPSS and senator involvement from individual departments
- Motion to consider bill read
 - Motion seconded and passed
 - Motion not read
- Accepting immediate nominations for this position
 - Boris Alladassi, department of agronomy, college of agriculture and life science
 - Vishesh Bhatia, Department of animal science, College of agriculture and life science
 - Katie DuVal Mihelich, department of art and visual culture, college of design
 - Jiztom K. Francis, Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering

- Njeshi Charity Nya, Department of Toxicology, College of Vet Med
 - Lizbeth Plaza-Torres, Another college of Engineering nomination
 - Sakib Ferdous, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Engineering
 - Ceren Ordas, College of Ag and Life Sciences
 - Joyal Babu, Department of Physics and Astronomy, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Two colleges have several nominees
 - College of engineering and college of agriculture and life sciences
 - Voting using secret canvas ballot
- CALS
 - Vishesh Bhatia
 - 3rd year PhD Student
 - Genetics and genomics
 - High school in New Delhi, India
 - Undergrad at Iowa State
 - Was the stu-gov vice president as an undergraduate
 - College of agriculture dean graduate advisory council
 - Questions
 - No questions
 - Ceren Ordas
 - Ecology and Organismal Biology
 - International Student
 - Straight into PhD
 - Seen other students like herself face confusion about resources available to them
 - Was in social committee
 - Undergrad, secretary and officer for graduating class
 - Held multiple positions in sorority in her college
 - Questions
 - No questions
 - Boris Alladassi
 - Served on different committees over the past 4 years
 - Taking on leadership roles by nominating himself as a senator
 - Would like to work with other senators to work for peer graduate students
 - Questions
 - No questions
 - Secret Canvas Election
 - Simple majority required, no majority reached
 - Additional round of questions required
 - Floor opened to questions
 - Bhatia Vishesh
 - Doesn't think time is going to be an issue

- How will you mobilize and connect with grad students?
 - Monthly required meetings, and communication
 - Going to meetings that your schedule allows
 - Reading minutes to meetings, to find common concerns
 - Learning from fellow students
 - Boris Alladassi
 - How will you mobilize and connect with grad students?
 - Many graduate student organization, good to get to know the leaders of these
 - Lunch with the DOGE, push this program for the college
 - What is the greatest issue facing CALS students
 - From his experience, it is mental health, especially through the pandemic
 - Ceren Ordas
 - How will you mobilize and connect with grad students?
 - Reach out to clubs and organizations, come up with a committee for students to reach out and give messages, and then bring these messages to the officers and the executive positions that they concern.
 - Second round of voting
 - Senator Kelly Fitzpatrick, motion
 - Suspend rules, make voting contest between the top 2 candidates from the first round
 - Seconded
 - No debate
 - Motion passed
 - New round is between Vishesh and Boris
 - Boris is now the ag and life sciences chair
- COE
 - Lizbeth Plaza-Torres
 - First year master's student
 - Agriculture and biosystems engineering
 - Discrepancy between gender equity
 - Tried to bring it up, felt like it wasn't heard
 - Decided to become senator because of this
 - Gender equity issues
 - Questions
 - No questions
 - Jiztom K. Francis
 - PhD in Computer Engineering
 - Graduated from Iowa State in 2019, came back for grad school
 - Communicate with other departments, see what he can help with
 - Appointed as vice president of MU advisory committee
 - Questions

- No questions
- Sakib Ferdous
 - Department of Chemical Engineering
 - Used to be president of Chemical Engineering Graduate Students Committee
 - Resources were a problem, someone needs to make these connections
 - He wants to make these connections
 - Questions
 - No questions
- Secret Canvas Election
 - Lizbeth is the new college of engineering chair
- LAS
 - Joyal Babu is the new LAS chair
- College of Design
 - Katie DuVal Mihelich is the new College of Design chair
- Vet Med
 - Njeshi Charity Nya is the new College of Vet Med chair

VI. Senate forum

- Bring up concerns so the senate can talk about them
 - Iranian student organization
 - Iran murdered a woman, Mahsa Amini, for not wearing her hijab correctly, and it has become a large fight for human rights. Resulted in the death of many more of her people, and the government has begun to restrict the internet. Iranian student organization supports freedom of choice. Help by demanding that officials take a firm stance against this regime.

VII. Announcements

- President - For we lead, students interested in being on a panel, specifically interested in students who are queer, non-binary, lgbtqia+
- Katie Allgaier, represents plant pathology
 - Hosting industry networking event aimed towards graduate students interested in biological sciences
 - Free food
- Final roll call

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM