

## Report of the President

- Updates from Administration
  - o GPSS and Stu Gov will be meeting with the President, Provost, VPSA, and other leaders to discuss upcoming BOR (November 15-16)
    - BOR DEI report has been moved to the last slot on the last day and will be announced after our student breakfast
  - o Graduate Council
    - Executive committee of graduate faculty and provides input on policy decisions
    - Use and ownership of educational materials policy
    - Potential reconfiguration of this committee as part of Faculty Senate
  - o Strategic Initiatives Committee
    - Preparing for next year- will hear from folks on this committee in January
  - o ISU Accreditation
    - Criterion 4: teaching and learning- evaluation and improvement
- Dean Graves Meeting
  - o Student health insurance
  - o Econ Dept Request and Incomplete Coursework
  - o Interdepartmental Programs and Funding Past the First Year
    - Funding
    - Course Offerings
- Awards committee
  - o Met twice this month to review all our awards and prepare them for this year's applications
    - Leadership, Teaching, Research Awards- December 1<sup>st</sup>; Wakonse Conference Award- December 1<sup>st</sup>
      - Will be awarded during the awards ceremony of the GPSS Research Conference
    - MEW Award- Feb 10<sup>th</sup>; change in collaboration with Provost Office

## Report of the Vice President

- FOOD!
- Placards
- Stugov and GPSS relationship
  - o Updates to articles of cooperation to increase collaboration between the two orgs
- Other student governments not interested in IDEA resolution
- Presenters coming in
- Constitution Committee

## Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Issues brought up at College Chair Council
  - o Senate Order regarding interdepartmental programs.
  - o Stipends and assistantship insecurity, TAs announce just days before the start of the semester.

- Elevated to Dean Graves by Christine
  - Proposed assistantship database across campus, Dean of Engineering liked the idea
    - Engineering Chair to follow up
  - Need for better opportunities for grad student in career fairs, schedule meeting with career services.
    - Scheduling meeting with Career Services
  - Child play area in gym for students with children wellness
    - Referred to Wellness
- Materials for website updated and sent to Garrison
- I will resign at the end of the Fall semester, and a new SEO is needed for next semester.
- Future meetings:
  - Faculty Senate – November 14
  - Board of Regents – November 16

#### Report of the Senate Information Officer

- GPSS Socials Advertisement/Information Form created and will be sent out to each senator if there is an event or other information pertinent to GPSS you would like shared on our official socials
  - <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/4TV5muxi>
  - Please submit these by Monday at noon of the week you want them advertised so I have time to create the posts
- Met with Mock Semester Workday Event Leadership Team again last week
  - They are wanting 60 graduate students to attend this event last week of January/first week of February to learn about how to use WorkDay after the transition happens
  - This will be a ~15 minute time investment with free food and giveaway opportunities
  - Keep your eyes peeled for a sign-up link for this event and share this link with your constituents
  - Vet Med department is a separate event either the week before or after
- Meeting with Student Technology Advisory Fee Committee again in November
- GPSS Awards Website page updated as President Cain mentioned previously
- Continuing to work with the Graduate College to iron out some of the common issues with the PAG system
- Met with our new Social Media Chair, Alycia
  - We are wanting to begin posting regular GPSS Senator Highlights on GPSS's Instagram story and will be sending out a signup form shortly
    - Name, program, and why you joined GPSS and/or like about being involved along with a headshot
  - Keep your eyes peeled for A Day in the Life of Exec Instagram story takeovers

#### Report of the Treasurer

- Fall Allocations Bill today
- Meeting this Friday to determine student org debt forgiveness (last meeting was cut short)
- Future bill to redistribute GPSS budget potentially coming
- Attending StuGov Finance Committee meetings starting tomorrow

#### Report of the Wellness Officer

- Health and wellness symposium
- Ideas and recommendations for the improvement of mental health resources on campus

Report of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer

- IDEA Committee met last month
  - Looking for organizations working on IDEA related initiatives
    - Contact me for ideas, questions, collaborations etc
    - \$250 extra funding for IDEA-specific initiatives
  - Planning on bringing a speaker working in ISU IDEA offices
    - updates on IDEA works around campus, what IDEA means, Ongoing plans etc
    - Gives suggestions if you have any person in mind
- Iowa State University (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)
  - Resources, news, events

<https://www.diversity.iastate.edu/>

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Report of the Conference Officer

- Conference will be on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Met with Committee (Daniel, Chinwendu, Wren, Lena, Kelsey, and Bo :)
- November we'll be planning the theme, keynote speaker(s), ISU/industry guests, and fundraising.
  - Contact me if you have requests, ideas, or questions = [gpsconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsconfchair@iastate.edu) and/or [gpsconfcommittee@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsconfcommittee@iastate.edu) (Thank you, Garrison!)
- GSV canvassing for signatures – Thursdays 1 – 3pm
  - LMK if you have any ideas for programs, departments, buildings to canvass in more detail. Or if you can get some people to sign the petition yourself, [reverett@iastate.edu](mailto:reverett@iastate.edu) or [rlnzeverett@gmail.com](mailto:rlnzeverett@gmail.com))
  - I will be sending the new esign pdf out to all senators in the next week. Please circulate these, specifically in five biggest departments:

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Computer Science
Chemistry
Civil, Construction & Environmental Eng

Report of the Graduate Student Government Senators

Report of the College Chairs Representative

Reports of Standing Committees

## Reports of Special Committees