



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 25th, 2024; 6:30 PM  
Memorial Union Campanile Room

- I. Call to order 6:38 PM
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Statement of Quorum
  - c. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda
    - Motion to take out the Bill “S24-03 Expanding Halal Protein Options During Ramadan” from the agenda.
- II. Executive Reports to the Senate (5 min each):
  - a. Report of the President
    - Margaret Ellen White Awards
      - o 7 nominations
      - o Currently in the review process
      - o Winner will be announced at the Fall Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony
    - In the process of hiring the new Provost
    - Working with Dean Graves, IDEA Officer, and Wellness Officer on increasing resources and instruction on navigating power dynamics, how to address conflict with advisor/fellow students/etc., and how to seek out support.
    - Interested in running for President? Ask me about my position!
  - b. Report of the Vice President:
    - Stugov Election Results
      - o If you are interested in being a stugov senator for GPSS or Vetmed let me know
    - Robert’s Rules Reminder
    - Articles of Cooperation
    - If you are interested in being Vice President, please ask!
    - <https://www.iastate.edu/report-it>
      - o Report It
  - c. Report of the Treasurer:
    - If you want to know what my job is like, just ask me!
  - d. Report of the Conference Chair



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- Hosted our 12th annual Conference on Friday 2/23.
    - Poster, creative, and presentation winners took home \$6400 of award money
    - Speakers - Guests | Graduate and Professional Student Senate | Iowa State University (iastate.edu)
    - Program for 2024 | Graduate and Professional Student Senate | Iowa State University (iastate.edu)
    - Email me with questions, concerns, or ideas [gpssconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssconfchair@iastate.edu) or [reverett@iastate.edu](mailto:reverett@iastate.edu)
  - Award money and final expenses with Kean this week.
  - Post-conference report coming soon (ask me about pictures...)
  - Email me with questions, concerns, or ideas [gpssconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssconfchair@iastate.edu) or [reverett@iastate.edu](mailto:reverett@iastate.edu)
  - If you're interested in Conference Chair, feel free to reach out with anything!
- e. Report of the IDEA officer
- Working on ways/resources to better student-advisor relationships
  - Organizations with DEI backgrounds/agendas/missions please reach out for collaborations, invite us (IDEA committee) to your meetings etc...
  - Please check out "Cyclone Support"
- f. Report of the Wellness Chair
- Working with Veronica on planning a student-advisor survey to assess graduate student's mental needs
  - Our first GPSS Family appreciation Event! Bring your family, Kiddos, friends, and invite your peers! Saturday, April 13th starting at 2pm, At Cybowl and Billiard and Campanile garden!
- g. Report of the Senate Information Officer
- Will be meeting with Kristen Constant from ITS next week to discuss student technology needs
  - The Graduate College is working on getting the PAG system implemented into WorkDay, and I will be meeting with them periodically to discuss this process going forward
  - Feel free to talk with me after the meeting or email me anytime if you are interested



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in running for the SIO position next month or have any questions about what it entails as I am not seeking re-election.

- h. Report of the Senate Engagement Officer
  - Meeting with the Council of chairs
  - Trip to the Capitol did not happen
  - Graduate council meeting was canceled
  - If you are interested in this position, please reach out.
- i. Report of Student Government Senators-at-Large  
None
- j. Report of the College Chairs Representative  
Senators are reminded to meet with their DOGES
- k. Report of Standing Committees  
None
- l. Report of Special Committees  
None
- IV. Unfinished Business  
None
- V. New Business
  - a. S24-02 Funding for the Rest Assured Project for International Students
    - A call for amendment of the Bill - to take out the statement regarding “University Village/ Schilleter village” to include all students at Iowa State University
    - A call to amend Bill to increase the amount on the Bill from \$6,000 to \$10,000
    - Vote for amendment – The nays had it, so the original bill was maintained
    - **Bill passed based on majority vote (Hand raise).**
  - b. S24-04 Spring 2024 GPSS Regular Allocations
    - Friendly amendment to move some numbers on the bill (Vine and Wine Club: Swab \$0 from the approved with \$280 from the unspent column).
    - **Bill passed based on majority vote (Hand raise).**
  - c. S24-05 GPSS Budget for Fiscal Year 2025
    - Motion to remove the statement “The budget for GPSS Special Allocations be removed” No second
    - **Bill passed based on majority vote (Voice vote).**
  - d. S24-06 Funding for the People of Nia Celebration to be held on May 8th 4, 2024  
5 at 6pm in the Sun Room, Memorial Union



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- **Bill passed based on majority vote (Voice vote).**
- e. S24-07 Funding for Sloss House Resource Room
  - **Bill passed based on majority vote (Voice vote).**
- f. S24-08 Allocation of Funding for Doctoral Dissertation Study Support
  - **Bill passed based on majority vote (Voice vote).**
- g. S24-09 Amendments to the GPSS By-Laws
  - Some corrections were made on the bill in the allocations section (Article VIII - 2). Language that was no longer relevant was removed and the relevant language added.
  - Motion to table the bill to April, and a second
  - Vote against tabling the bill – Motion to table the bill failed.
  - **Bill passed based on majority vote (Hand raise).**
- h. S24-10 Introduction of Conference Travel Grants by Coltie on the GPSS Website
  - A motion to table the Bill and a second motion
  - **The motion to table the Bill for next month passes with a majority vote (Hand raise)**

### VI. Senate Forum

- Senators should support GSV by circulating the email sent by GSV about getting signatures
- What should be done in terms of accountability when a senator is unable to bring a speaker because the VP does not respond to the senator? (Senator Azhan asks)
  - Directly criticizing a member on the senate in the meeting is out of the Robert Rules
  - Next, you must ensure you have a spot before you get a speaker.
  - It is in the VP's power to choose the speakers for the meeting.
- Azhan will make a 5mins presentation (he could also choose to bring a speaker) on the bill “S24-10 Introduction of Conference Travel Grants by Coltie on the GPSS Website” in our next meeting.
- Elections for GPSS happen next month.
- Wakonse awards applications are still open.

VII. Roll Call and Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

End: 09:41pm