



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 26th, 2024; 6:30 PM  
Memorial Union Campanile Room

I. Call to order 6:50 PM

- a. Roll Call
- b. Statement of Quorum
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- d. Amendments to the Agenda

II. Speakers:

- a. Abbey Elder - Open Educational Resources
  - Offer up to \$5000 for anyone who offers a credit course.
  - Individual grad students can also get funding.
  - Have support for publishing open textbooks.
- b. Melanie Reed- Student Health and Wellness
  - To help us recognize we have a cyclone health website, cyclone support website and other necessary resources.
  - Therapy Assistance Online (TAO) free to all students, faculty, and staff
  - Wellbeing coaching
  - Campuswide resources
  - Crisis resources (Confidential lines)
- c. Student Government Presidential Slates (Jennifer Holliday and Sydney Jones)  
Your voice our mission, how?
  - Creating community
  - Helping health
  - Securing sustainability
  - Voting- March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- d. Azhan presenting on behalf of Hursh Margrett
  - Free Jack Trice concert for all student: A fund raiser
  - Task force on food insecurity
  - Bringing more restaurants to campus, create job opportunities for students
  - International career fair (companies that are willing to sponsor visas)
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e. Kean Fallon – GPSS Allocations Process

-Ledger no longer needed, just an application

-Proposed method is easier to apply and no organization will owe GPSS

### III. Executive Reports to the Senate (5 min each):

a. Report of the President

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

- Shout outs:
  - To Kimia and the Wellness Committee for their part in the Health and Wellness Symposium
  - To Ryan and all our Conference Committee Members for their hard work!!
- Awards Committee:
  - T/L/R awards: Complete and funding submitted!
  - MEW Award Submitted
- Special Student Fee Committee: Final Meeting this week
  - Heard all proposals, moving into the final meeting
- MU
  - MU Director Search: Complete
  - Renovations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor going well
- Pushing forward for more budget for the student wellness
- Provost Search: Started
- Accreditation Committee
- Interested in Running for GPSS Exec?
  - Overview of my position
    - A lot of meetings
    - Talking with Graduate students on Campus

IDEA:

- Townhall on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2024
- IDEA committee and exec working towards a way forward for the issues raised
- Overview of this position
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Chelsea's Passing, Themes, and New Directions

- Let's work together to figure out how to protect ourselves.

b. Report of the Vice President

- Articles of Cooperation Updates
  - Going through Student Government rules before we vote on it hopefully next month



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- Constitution Changes
- New MU Director
  - Chad Garland is the new director
- Master's Assitanceship Coverage (to move from half term to full term)
- SHOP Proposal (To use some of the GPSS surplus money for SHOP)
- Student Government Elections
  - Graduate Council to become Graduate Cabinet under the Faculty Senate. Graduate students will still be represented in the cabinet.
- Description of Position:
  - Oversee Rules Committee, and all bylaws, constitutional law
  - Chair Senate Meetings
  - Help write bills
  - Work and assist the President with anything they require
  - Meet with board of regents, president of the university, and other senior administration

### c. Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Meeting with the chairs
- Lecture committee.
- Legislative session
  - Best time to go in first week of march, Tuesday or Wednesday
  - Value ISU bring to us as people, what we need to have a better experience
- Faculty senate meeting

### **Job description**

- The role of the Senate Engagement Officer is to manage relations will all stakeholders, maintain communication with relevant parties, and coordinate initiatives on common goals with our partners.
- Provide legislative update on executive report every senate meeting
- Plan legislative action day for legislative sessions
- Chairs the Council of chairs
- Meetings (Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, BOR, College Committee, Council of chairs)

### d. Report of the Senate Information Officer

- WorkDay Transition Mock Semester Event
  - Good amount of grad student participants
  - Majority of participants felt somewhat confident or very confident after the event



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- Met with Social Media Coordinator Alycia regarding our social media strategy for the semester.
  - Social media advertising request form has been added to Canvas page under GPSS General Material
  - Monday at noon is the cutoff request time for social media pushes for that week
- Continuing to work with graduate college with PAG transition to WorkDay
- Job Description:
  - Elections and Operations Committee Chair and Marketing and Public Relations Committee Co-chair
  - Supervises any elections and legislative voting throughout the year
  - Runs the WebEx room and shares any relevant information throughout general meetings
  - Responds to any inquiries regarding the PAG system and oversees the database
  - Maintains GPSS webpage, social networks, and e-mail lists
  - Keeps a record of attendance at Senate Meetings
  - Keeps the senator rosters updated on Canvas, the GPSS website, and the senator email list

### e. Report of the Treasurer

- Spring Allocations Server Problems
  - New Applications are needed, must be typed and emailed to me
  - Extending the deadline to **March 1 at 11:59 pm.**
- New Allocations process
  - We saw a short outline today
  - Working on writing up the changes to By-Laws in the coming weeks
  - In the time directly before next meeting we will present the changes in greater detail.
  - Vote on changes in March and April meetings
- Budget
  - Still awaiting enrollment numbers, but should expect to have more updates soon
  - In years past, we have usually run a surplus. However, last year we also raised the PAG funding significantly.
- Stugov Annuals
  - Annuals are underway for the StuGov Finance Committee, we are roughly halfway through.
- Overview of this position
  - Finance Committee Chair
  - GPSS purchases
  - GPSS Budget and ledger
  - Allocations



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- StuGov Finance Committee, Student Activity Fee Committee
  
- f. Report of the Wellness Officer
  - Thank you to all those who helped and came to our session! Email me for slides, We'll be uploading them too!
  - Sexual assault prevention planning team met to review the results and suggestions from the listening sessions.
    - Made sure student suggestions were properly reflected in the summary document.
    - Planning to draft a resolution for student wellness and procedures
  - Job description:
    - Planning team for the Health and Wellbeing symposium
    - Bi-weekly meetings with the health and wellness department leaders
    - Sit on planning and taskforce committees and provide feedback and suggestions
    - Plan social events
  
- g. Report of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer (Report given by the president)
  
- h. Report of the Conference Chair
  - Hosted our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on Friday 2/23.
    - About 180 participants throughout the day.
    - 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 \(iastate.edu\)](#)
  - Will be working to process award money and final expenses with Kean this week.
    - If you won \$ or took home a volunteer gift card, we need your 9-digit ISU number. (emails to follow soon)
  - Post-conference report coming soon to all registrants! (ask me about pictures...)
  - Job description
    - Fundraising
    - In charge of the conference committee
    - Working with the wellness committee for social events
  
- i. Report of Student Government Senators-at-Large



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- j. Report of the College Chairs Representative
- k. Report of Standing Committees
- l. Report of Special Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - NONE
- V. New Business
  - a. S24-02 Funding for the Rest Assured Project for International Students
    - Motioned to table the bill
- VI. Senate Forum
  - More on the new allocation process
  - Make information about committees and members of each committee clear and available
  - How can we improve the situation where students are overworked?
    - We can encourage students to communicate more with their PIs
- VII. Roll Call and Announcements
  - Keep an eye on for student government elections
  - Visit to the capital next week
- VIII. Adjournment
  - End: 09:04pm