

Monday, October 30th,2023
Memorial Union Campanile Ballroom

I. Call to order: 6:33PM

- Quorum statement 6:35PM
- Motion to amend minutes, college chair name spelled wrong.
 - Friendly
- Moved to approve meetings.
 - No objection, approved.
- Moved to approve Agenda.
 - No objection, approved.

II. Speakers

Green Dot: Carrie Giese, health promotion coordinator

- What is green dot?
 - Any action taken to stop violence; red dot is the bad action.
- How does that look on Campus?
 - Trainings offered by the Green Dot program, various levels of engagements.
 - Offered to individuals, student organizations, academic departments, residence halls, and other groups.
- Register at the cyclone support and cyclone help websites.
 - <https://www.studentwellness.iastate.edu/greendot/>
- Activity: Discussion at each table – how can you infuse it in your groups (Senate, Academic Departments).
 - Bringing the problems they had at the department to the Senate Meeting
 - Educating students at the departmental level
 - Start meetings with someone sharing a proactive green dot
 - Put a green dot quote in the agenda and email announcements

III. Executive Reports

Report of the President

- Updates from Administration
 - 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
 - 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
 - Strategic Initiatives Committee
 - Preparing for next year- will hear from folks on this committee in January.
 - ISU Accreditation
 - Criterion 4: teaching and learning- evaluation and improvement
- Dean Graves Meeting
 - Student health insurance
 - Econ Dept Request and Incomplete Coursework
 - Interdepartmental Programs and Funding Past the First Year
 - Funding
 - Course Offerings
- Awards committee
 - Met twice this month to review all our awards and prepare them for this year's applications.
 - Leadership, Teaching, Research Awards- December 1st; Wakonse Conference Award- December 1st
 - Will be awarded during the awards ceremony of the GPSS Research Conference
 - MEW Award- Feb 10th; change in collaboration with Provost Office

Report of the Vice President

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

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Issues brought up at College Chair Council
 - Senate Order regarding interdepartmental programs.
 - 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 Surveys in partnership with the University of Michigan (Sept 21, deadline Oct 13)
- Successful First Social!
- Health and Wellness Symposium: Speaker Confirmed, Final topic in progress
- Campus Health and Wellness Resources: QPR

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/>
gpssidea@iastate.edu

Report of the Conference Officer

- 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 = gpssconfchair@iastate.edu and/or gpssconfcommittee@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 or rlenzeverett@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

Eddie:

- Filling out positions, committees, close to full strength.
- Resolution passed recognizing Oct 9 as indigenous people's day.
- ISU Safe App: walk-home feature, bus schedules, etc.
- Open education resources
- Meeting with City of Ames to discuss policing, bars, Ames feeling less safe, e-scooters.

Reports of Standing Committees

- No reports

Reports of Special Committees

- No reports

IV. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

V. New Business

- a. F23-04 Fall 2023 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
 - Motion to consider as read – unanimous consent.
 - Bill passes with unanimous approval.

- b. F23-05 Evaluation of Funding Models and Academic Support of Interdepartmental Graduate Programs
 - Motion to consider as read – unanimous consent.
 - Bill passes with unanimous approval.

VI. Senate Forum

- Gaurav Arwade: tennis courts have been closed for over a year, equipment for racket sports is not maintained, etc. Can the admin act?
 - Kimia will bring up the issue to rec services.
- Elijah Bouwman: question to Eddie about intersection safety issues on campus.
 - Eddie listed crosswalks and intersections on campus being discussed as unsafe.
 - Other senators brought up other intersections and were asked to email their concerns to Eddie to bring up for discussion with campus leadership.
- Christine Cain: if you enter into an incomplete agreement with your faculty, the incomplete should be removed. We are looking for examples where it stays to start discussions about it.

VII. Roll Call and Announcements

- Garrison: all GPSS socials are posted on our website.
- Eddie: if you are missing a placard, email to request it.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.