

March 29th, 2021

Report of the President

- Iowa State celebrated its 163rd birthday on March 22nd!
- Student Government also passed financial support for the child-friendly room in Parks
- 29 applications were received for the T/R/L awards, the selected recipients will be notified after April 1st.
- Discussions around Workday student (i.e. second phase) underway
 - Student activity fee has been paying for Workday
- Special Student Fee Committee sent its recommendations to Pres. Wintersteen
 - Final decision rests with the Board of Regents
- Hopeful to have a new Dean of the Library announced by the end of this semester.
 - Thank you to everyone who attended a lunch meeting
- Campus will be returning to full capacity in the fall, with some safety guidelines still being discussed (mask usage, distancing as able)
 - Cyclones Care 2.0
 - See more here: <https://www.inside.iastate.edu/article/2021/03/18/movingforward>
- There are no discussions about having Iowa State University be a large-scale vaccine distribution center (open to everyone, regardless of pre-existing conditions) happening from the State health department.
 - You must be proactive in seeking out vaccine appointments, do NOT wait expecting ISU to offer them!
 - If you have a car/are able to travel, check other counties who have different restrictions for release.
 - Check websites/Twitter for vaccine availability, check the Des Moines Register for press releases about state vaccine decisions

Vice President

- The updated academic calendar is out. Please look at it and update your calendars.
- Watch for the email about vaccines. They are having an on campus clinic on Friday, April 2.

Treasurer

- Allocations recommendations have been sent out, the bill will be ready to vote on for the April Meeting
- Budget is available to view

Senate Engagement Officer

- Please see email from Policy Library and Advisory Committee regarding draft policy on visiting scholar positions.
- Discussion board on GPSS Canvas page coming to discuss methods in which Senators disseminate Senate information to their constituents.

- Faculty Senate discussion regarding reverting course times to pre-COVID schedule; may affect graduate/professional students with teaching responsibilities.
- Campus climate reporting, <https://api.campusclimate.iastate.edu/incident/create>.
- GPSS Executive statements overview.

Senate Information Officer

- A new form is being developed for senator nominations. This will allow either the senator OR department contact to submit nominations for GPSS
- Senator attendance throughout the entirety of the meeting is required. Period.
- Please run for VICE PRESIDENT! I really want to continue as SIO but we currently have no option for VP and we cannot function without one.

Conference Officer

- Abstract submission closed March 22nd at midnight
 - 68 register
 - Roughly 45 presentations
- Conference is Friday, April 9th
- Keynote Speaker is Thursday, April 8th at 7pm
 - Aisha Moore: Self-care for activists in 2021 and beyond
- Canvas page setup with instructions on how to record and upload presentations
 - Resources page
 - Judging forms
 - Access to presentations and workshop
- Headshots available during the day of the conference
- Need more volunteers
 - Judges, while we have enough, additional can always be helpful
 - Student Moderators

Wellness Officer

1. The committee is starting to plan events for the Graduate and Professional Student Wellness week! We will be hosting a mix of in-person and virtual events over the week of April 19th to the 23rd. Please email me if you have specific requests or questions email me at gpsswellness@iastate.edu.
2. The SHOP is the food pantry on campus in Beyer Hall! They have recently expanded and offer food to students. More information here: <http://www.theshop.stuorg.iastate.edu/>
3. Join the CY-5 Virtual 5K: Run/Walk for Recovery. Cyclones from around the world are invited to participate in this FREE event benefiting The Iowa State Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC). More information here: <https://www.studentwellness.iastate.edu/collegiate-recovery-community/>
 - a. Registration is now open! Click here to register FREE: <https://www.recservices.iastate.edu/im/cy-5-virtual-5k-2/>
4. Sleep self-guided program. More information here: <https://www.studentwellness.iastate.edu/2020/09/25/sleep-well/>

5. Wellness resources for activism. More information here:
<https://www.studentwellness.iastate.edu/activism-and-community-care/>

Senators-at-Large

LAS Committee

- Looking ahead to the fall and future semesters: meetings are once a month and will continue into the fall semester
- Communication with the college is the main priority, especially around ensuring that graduate students are being heard when the college makes decisions that affect graduate students
- Having this committee meeting with the associate dean is an avenue to college leadership that many graduate students don't realize is a way to make their concerns or suggestions known
- Part of the communication mission is planning ahead for welcoming new/incoming students in the fall
- Next meeting: Wednesday, April 28th from 1-2pm on Webex; please let Caroliena (ccabada@iastate.edu) know if you're interested in attending!