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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 26, 2012; 7:00 PM
South Ballroom, MU

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call – DONE (48/85)
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - MET
 - c. Approval of the Minutes - APPROVED
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
 - i. Vice President Fateh proposed to move OPEN FORUM later upon ISU President Leath's arrival.
 1. 2nded, passed.
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution
 - i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
 - b. Senate Bill S12-10 - Amending the By-Laws and Articles of Cooperation
 - i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
 - c. Senate Bill S12-11 - Amending the Standing Rules
 - i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
 - d. Senate Bill S12-12 - Spring 2012 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Allocations
 - i. Treasurer Gross read the bill.
 - ii. Received over \$25000 in requests from different student organizations, the finance committee allocated \$13251 after the amendments.
 - e. Senate Bill S12-13 - Special allocation for Fulbright Students and Scholars at Iowa State University (FSSISU)
 - i. Senator Peters read the bill.
- III. Open Forum
 - a. ISU President Steven Leath
 - i. Good evening, fun to be here, thanks to GPSS for inviting. He has been meeting as many student groups as possible over the last 8 weeks.
 - ii. Has been in ISU for 8 weeks, he took the job at end of September, has had a good transition process with President Geoffrey. There is still a tremendous amount to learn, tough budget year; however everyday getting better, ISU is poised to make great progress. Meeting with Regents went very good.
 - iii. Initial impressions and then open to questions.
 - iv. Trying to spend as much time as possible in campus; different work demands, fundraising etc. Just coming to GPSS from a Greek event, trying to spend more time with various student groups.
 - v. He was very impressed with the GPSS exec when they first interacted during his selection process; he has high regard for the concept of serious shared governing.

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- 45 vi. He wants to grow the graduate student population from the current ~ 2000
46 number to ~ 5000, and he has some ideas to do that which are under
47 development currently.
- 48 vii. He has open-door communication policy with the different leadership
49 bodies, his office answers within usually a day. He is still learning the
50 culture and the people of ISU, and is yet to form the top agenda. Some major
51 topics include the student debt, research dollars – public vs. private, etc. He
52 encourages GPSS to state their ideas and concerns.
- 53 viii. This is also the 1st year when the board of regents has asked university
54 presidents to be advocates for university policy; he left the last meetings
55 with a very positive frame of mind. The tuitions will not be raised hopefully
56 next year.
- 57 ix. He has done very little travel so far inside the state of IA. He is very well
58 conversant with the Des Moines/Ames area; but he wants to soon reach out
59 to the rest of the state in aiming to build a stronger base and facilitate the
60 next level of learning and engagement.
- 61 x. The university is making some changes – they are actively looking for a new
62 provost, also a new fundraising head. ISU is looking towards a new
63 management model – similar to a more traditional/political chief of staff
64 model. He is aiming to surround himself with different people from different
65 backgrounds and different skill sets; over the next 2 months, the senior team
66 will be formed and more specifics will be announced.
- 67 xi. Open to questions:
- 68 1. Senator Yeninas – raised the topic of different programs being on the
69 chopping block, major issues related to money and low enrollment in
70 the other 2 big universities in IA – what are your thoughts on that?
71 Any chance of something similar happening in ISU?
- 72 a. WHAT happened in UNI related to chopping programs was
73 an unfortunate event; however there are always 2 sides to
74 every story. UNI President Benjamin Allen is a good
75 administrator, he has been trying to make lots of changes to
76 avoid these types of cuts, there were different unions also
77 opposing, thus now he needs more cuts to meet ends. He
78 understands the challenges with low enrolling programs, but
79 he cannot comment of the other programs as he was himself
80 not part of the analysis - maybe ISU and other big colleges
81 could be more focused in stem programs.
- 82 b. Chances of something similar happening in ISU - Right now
83 the answer is NO, President Greg and his team have made
84 very difficult decisions for the progress of the university and
85 have summarized them all for the new administration which
86 he is going through currently. ISU constantly monitors low

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87 enrollments programs and looks at reducing duplicity. ISU
88 has a much better and more trusted shared governing program
89 than other universities, so the faculty senate and staff senate
90 all have their inputs before any drastic measures are adopted.
91 He meets and will continue to meet with the leadership
92 regularly; there won't be any nasty surprises.

93 2. Treasurer Gross – thoughts on the Resource Management Model
94 (RMM)? President Leath has studied a lot different models, and had
95 several budget meetings about RMM. There is a draft report – it's a
96 review of the RMM for the last 3years. ISU is growing at a very fast
97 rate, next year the enrollment might increase to around 31,000. He
98 would not mind if the enrolment does slow down a little bit;
99 currently the RMM regards undergraduate numbers more
100 successfully than graduate student numbers. Also the Alumni
101 Association, the Reiman institution, university museums, research
102 colleges, vet med have a disadvantage under the RMM model. A lot
103 of discussion is needs and is underway to decide the importance of
104 different programs; he is looking forward to grow the UG numbers,
105 but also wants to move resource elsewhere where they will do more
106 benefit to the university.

107 3. Senator Dalluge – what are your thoughts on private vs. public
108 funding for research? Intellectual property clashes? President Leath
109 believes in the coexistence of both public and private funds for
110 research activities, looking at ways to maybe double the private
111 source. He understands that there might be some worries that if the
112 private research funds are very high, the academic integrity might get
113 hampered. However he realizes that there should be a joint push for
114 full IP rights. The current landscape is changing rapidly; we didn't
115 take share in spinoff options before, there will be more push for
116 transparency. Now, the companies are more and more interested in
117 university partnership, and the timing is perfect for us. Instead of
118 companies looking to just give out lump sum amount of research
119 money, we will be looking for partners carefully who are more
120 involved in the research process with exchange of ideas and
121 resources.

122 4. (Sub for) Senator Hauser – the last few major buildings built on the
123 campus are mainly non-classroom focused, the history department
124 classroom scheduling is all over the campus, leads to lots of
125 problems. Why is the current focus more on building research space
126 rather than classrooms?? THE driver is that in the current down
127 economic times, it is easier to find research partners, new groups
128 who are willing to fund new basketball complex, football training

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129 resources - easier to stimulate private partnership. But he is looking
130 into various avenues to increase classroom spaces, still inventorying
131 space now, converting some existing spaces to classrooms is on the
132 table, top requirements are currently being prioritized. More help
133 will come from a change in economy, also trying to get some donors
134 to step up.

135 5. Senator Haroldson – any comment on the ISU-AgriSol issue? The
136 collaboration with AgriSol bought a lot of negative attention to the
137 Tanzania project, as compared to a similar project for Uganda. ISU
138 got a black eye for it, we withdrew project support in Tanzania, and
139 this was unfortunate since we provided clean water and housing to
140 people there. Why we entered the project was clean and justified,
141 however much of energy and time were directed at countering
142 misrepresentations about why and how we were involved. We are
143 going through new processes to deciding a new measure of the value
144 index.

145 6. Senator Russell – what are the big items on the initial priorities list?
146 a. Work on comprehensive package to reduce student debt.
147 b. Try to get bigger appropriation,
148 c. Increase overall efficiency
149 d. Reduce text book costs, increase private money flow.
150 e. Grow research, more focused towards the responsibility to
151 citizens and tax payers’ money etc. The overall arching
152 demand should reflect demands of state.
153 f. Add more value to degree, foster a strong sense of worth,
154 getting faculty and staff to push more for national levels
155 works.

156 7. Vice President Fateh – what are your ideas to increase graduate
157 student population? AS an university , we have an obligation to train
158 students, currently there is a shortage of opportunities, for professors,
159 it is easier to hire post docs rather than graduate students, as they
160 could get more value from post docs than graduate students. We are
161 aiming to create a good balance between the 2, put some measures in
162 place to incentivize graduate student hiring; for e.g. requiring good
163 mentoring skills for promoting tenure.

164 IV. Senate Forum

165 a. OPEN

166 V. Remarks and Reports

167 a. Report of the President - President Smith

168 i. This Thursday, March 29th is Regents’ Day at Des Moines Capitol, it is open
169 to students and people, graduate students can present their research posters,
170 so far 12 poster aisles have been arranged for, encourages more grads to

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- 171 bring more. Even if you have no poster but still want to come, you are more
172 than welcome to come.
- 173 ii. GSB has chartered buses to DSM, will leave Ames at around 11 am (this
174 time may change), GSB will provide boxed lunches on way back, by 3.30
175 pm. You are also free to bring your own vehicle.
- 176 iii. University of Iowa and Northern Iowa are also going to be present there.
- 177 iv. There should be plenty of space for posters, encourage mailing her for more
178 logistics/details. Requested to wear business attire. So far, she has got lots of
179 responses from civil, mechanical, chemistry etc.
- 180 b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Fateh
- 181 i. The Rules committee found the bills to be presented today to be OK with the
182 constitution, there are some issues related to voting right changes to make
183 the process more balanced, more details will be given when the bills are
184 read.
- 185 ii. The pizza social is on March 29th – this Thursday at Mothers Pub from 6-8
186 pm. Please come, bring friends and family.
- 187 iii. The spring picnic is on April 13th, 2012 from 5-8 pm at Kildee pavilion; the
188 menu will include subs from subway among other things.
- 189 iv. She is a part of the Veishea advisory committee; there was a question in the
190 previous meetings about long lines for lunch in the central campus and food
191 running out. She clarified this issue with the VEISHEA committee, there
192 must have been some miscommunication, as they arrange for food for
193 around 2000 people, and they claimed not to be having run out of food for
194 last 3 years. They have an excellent mobile version of website, one could
195 buy tickets and check schedule from cell phones.
- 196 v. QUESTIONS:
- 197 c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Gross
- 198 i. The finance committee found all the 3 bills favorable to be presented to the
199 senate today.
- 200 ii. Mention to the finance committee, they will be meeting 1 last time, for
201 brainstorming ideas for the next committee.
- 202 d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Sarkar
- 203 i. Website is updated; please contact me for any changes to the webpage.
- 204 ii. The exec elections will be held later today, the nomination process is still
205 on.
- 206 iii. The announcement of the senators will be made later today.
- 207 e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Pelzer
- 208 i. No major committee updates yet.
- 209 ii. Reminder about the Regents day this coming Thursday, encourages all
210 senators to attend, meeting legislatures would be fun.
- 211 iii. In the 2nd week of April 2012, GPSS would be arranging for the CV/Resume
212 Seminar, expected time would be 5-7 pm, boxed lunch would be included.

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- 213 f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Brgoch
214 i. PAG Chair Brgoch is at conference, thus not present in the meeting today.
215 President Smith read the PAG Chair report.
216 ii. PAG money for both summer sessions is still available, but the money is
217 going fast. As of now, there is \$2000 left for the 1st summer session (May
218 14-July 6) and \$3500 left for the 2nd summer session (June 11-August 3)
219 iii. Currently accepting applications for Peer teaching and Research Awards,
220 they are due by April 16, 2012.
- 221 g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
222 i. Karl Hennig could not attend the meeting due to health reasons, had
223 informed the CIO ahead of time. CIO Sarkar read the Graduate and GSB
224 Senator report.
225 ii. Update:
226 1. Meeting on 03/07/2012
227 a. Updates from Parking Division: Last year, ISU collected \$1
228 million in fines, twice as much as University of Iowa. The
229 total revenue was \$3.5 million last year, while expenses were
230 around \$3 million. 15,344 annual parking permits were sold,
231 6,371 number of escort calls were entertained. \$261,000 was
232 earmarked to fund Orange CyRide route. Less than 1% of
233 cars on campus receive a citation. \$25,521 was spent on
234 bicycle improvements in last 5 years on campus and
235 \$368,146 was spent for maintaining parking lots in last 5
236 years.
237 b. The new initiatives include the parking division taking a
238 picture of every ticket, creating Smart cars for pay-stalls and
239 also thinking about plans to have Smart cars for parking
240 meters.
241 c. There will be a GSB parking slide show on their website with
242 more information.
- 243 2. Meeting on 03/14/2012
244 a. Spring Break – NO meeting
- 245 3. Meeting on 03/21/2012
246 a. GSB held the annual allocation meeting to fund
247 organizations, no new news pertaining to GPSS.
- 248 VI. Old Business
249 a. OPEN
- 250 VII. New Business
251 a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution
252 i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as
253 to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the
254 whole document.
255 ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.

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- 256 iii. Senator Perrine called to question, 2nded.
257 iv. Vote
258 1. Yes – 45
259 2. No – 0
260 3. Abstain - 1
261 v. PASSED today, 1st reading, 2nd and final reading next month.
262 vi. Will be voted again in April 2012 meeting.
- 263 b. Senate Bill S12-10 - Amending the By-Laws and Articles of Cooperation
264 i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as
265 to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the
266 whole document.
267 ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.
268 iii. Treasurer Gross called to question, 2nded.
269 iv. Vote
270 1. Yes – 47
271 2. No – 0
272 3. Abstain - 1
273 v. PASSED.
- 274 c. Senate Bill S12-11 - Amending the Standing Rules
275 i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as
276 to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the
277 whole document.
278 ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.
279 iii. Senator White called to question, 2nded.
280 iv. Vote
281 1. Yes – 47
282 2. No – 0
283 3. Abstain - 0
284 v. PASSED.
- 285 d. Senate Bill S12-12 - Spring 2012 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)
286 Allocations
287 i. Treasurer Gross read the bill.
288 ii. Treasurer Gross amended the bill.
289 1.
290 iii. Amendment passes through unanimous consent (UC).
291 iv. White called to question, 2nded.
292 v. Vote – 47/0/0
- 293 e. Senate Bill S12-13 - Special allocation for Fulbright Students and Scholars at Iowa
294 State University (FSSISU)
295 i. Senator Peters presented the bill,
296 ii. Open to Question.
297 1. Senator Moss – is the trip to Des Moines open to all students? YES,
298 however the transportation will have limited seatings.
299 2. Senator Kleinheksel – has this event put on before? What are your
300 other funding sources? THIS is just the 2nd year this event is being
301 held, last year, we got money from ticket sales. If we get funding this

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- 302 year, there will not be any need for selling tickets and the event can
303 be made free and open to all.
- 304 3. Senator Kleinheksel – in order to maintain parity with the way we
305 fund other student organizations, he would like to amend to reduce
306 funding – cut food item worth \$400.
- 307 a. Senator White – why are we being harsh now?
308 b. Treasurer Gross – point of clarification – there are no
309 guidelines for food right now.
310 c. Senator Yeninas – asked clarification on the issue.
311 d. Se
312 e. Senator Kleinheksel - explained that for all other student
313 organizations, the funding ratio for food: other activity is kept
314 at less than 50%, just trying to be fair to other student
315 organizations.
316 f. Treasurer Gross – just to inform the senate that all of the
317 pizza events this year and last year were fully funded by the
318 special allocations.
319 g. Senator Yeninas – did you go to any other funding source?
320 WE went to GSB, but since they fall under pre-professional
321 groups, they were redirected to GPSS.
322 h. Treasurer Gross – vote to remove amendment?
323 i. Vote on amendment
324 i. Yes – 9
325 ii. No – 35
326 iii. Abstain – 2
327 j. Amendment Fails, back to the bill as a whole.
- 328 4. Senator Kresge – friendly amendment to change the word “believes”
329 to “beliefs”, accepted.
- 330 5. Senator Yeninas – gives the idea to the group to ask for money from
331 other sources also, gave example for the “PhD Movie” screening.
- 332 6. Treasurer Gross – call to question, 2nded.
- 333 7. Voting
334 a. Yes – 44
335 b. No – 2
336 c. Abstain - 1
- 337 f. Elections
338 i. CIO Sarkar, also the election chair presided over the election procedure.
339 ii. Positions on the executive council:
340 1. President
341 a. Nominations: Senator Kleinheksel
342 i. He has been in GPSS for 2 years now, likes to work
343 and would like to continue do good work as the
344 president of GPSS. He has good intentions while

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345 serving GPSS, and welcomes any feedback from the
346 senate about the direction of GPSS. Has been working
347 closely with President Smith, also been part of the
348 rules and finance committees. Also been a part of the
349 selection of new provost.

350 ii. Questions:

351 1. Senator Tucker – what do you think to be the
352 best way to deal with the special allocations
353 process? WE are allocating student funds, and
354 it should be done wisely. If we are cutting
355 funding for other organizations, he feels the
356 special allocation process should meet the
357 same standards; it should follow the same
358 scrutiny.

359 2. Senator Perrine – any difference between
360 pizza and financial seminar.

361 3. Senator Deleon – currently we have the
362 problem of meeting quorum in some meetings,
363 coz of not enough number of senators turning
364 up for the meetings. What are your thoughts
365 on this? EVERY year, there have been some
366 bills or proposals to reduce the size of the
367 senate so as to make the attendance ratio high;
368 this last year was an exception. He will be
369 looking into this issue and also discussing with
370 the new exec so as to how to deal with this
371 issue.

372 4. CIO Sarkar – point of clarification – as of
373 now, we have 1 senator for every 50 graduate
374 students, and 1 more for each 50 or part
375 thereof, with a maximum of 5 senators per
376 department. Each department gets a minimum
377 of 1 senate seat representation.

378 iii. Senator Kleinheksel asked to leave the room, floor
379 open for discussion.

380 iv. Vice President Fateh – she endorses Cory, he has been
381 actively involved in the rules committee, has great
382 knowledge of senate proceedings and is a great
383 candidate.

384 v. President Smith – she endorses Cory, being the
385 president he can manage the overall workings of the
386 GPSS, but will not be directly in charge of the money,
387 which is decided by the senate. So “don’t worry about
388 him saying no to special allocations”. He is great
389 candidate.

390 vi. Senator Peters – Cory was in the finance committee
391 also previously, she was impressed by him, he is
392 clear-headed, good candidate.

393 vii. VOTE:

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- 394 1. Yes – 43
395 2. No – 0
396 3. Abstain – 3
397 viii. PASSED, Senator Kleinheksel is the president-elect.
398 2. Vice-President
399 a. Nominations: Senator Woolcock, Senator Deleon
400 i. Deleon – enjoys working at GPSS, will accept the
401 nomination, however, and might be out of town in the
402 fall meeting.
403 ii. Woolcock – will be out of town during the spring
404 semester for sure, if Deleon is willing to be VP, he
405 will be glad to fill in the shoes in Deleon if he is out
406 of town in fall.
407 iii. CIO Sarkar – point of clarification – if the senator
408 who is elected today cannot serve the whole term,
409 then the new CIO will hold another election in the
410 month of November and elect the new VP for the rest
411 of the term.
412 iv. Both the senators asked to leave the room, floor open
413 for discussion.
414 v. President Smith – both Woolcock and Deleon will get
415 the job done, vote for the person you think can do the
416 job done, not the person who will be present or not.
417 vi. Vice president Fateh – Woolcock served in the rules
418 committee for the past 2 years, she agrees with Smith.
419 vii. VOTE:
420 1. Yes – 3 (Woolcock) / 43 (Deleon)
421 2. No – 0
422 3. Abstain – 1
423 viii. PASSED, Senator Deleon is the vice-president-elect.
424 3. Treasurer
425 a. Nominations: Senator Peters
426 i. She will be here for another 2 years at least, he has
427 experience in the fiscal matters as she was part of the
428 finance committee, she was also the treasurer for HCI
429 graduate group in 2010, finance officer in a German
430 government organization.
431 ii. Senator Peters asked to leave the room, floor open for
432 discussion.
433 iii. Treasurer Gross – he endorses Peters.
434 iv. VOTE:
435 1. Yes – 46
436 2. No – 0
437 3. Abstain – 1
438 v. PASSED, Senator Peters is the treasurer-elect.
439 4. CIO
440 a. Nominations: Anna Agripina Prisacari
441 i. She wants to run for CIO, she has not been GPSS
442 senator before, she is doing PhD in HCI (2nd year),

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- 443 she has been actively involved in Global gala, she met
444 with current CIO Sarkar and discussed about the
445 different responsibilities involved.
446 ii. Anna asked to leave the room, floor open for
447 discussion.
448 iii. CIO Sarkar transferred his election chair
449 responsibilities to VP Fateh temporarily.
450 iv. CIO Sarkar – endorses Anna, he has known her for 2
451 years, she has been very actively involved with SUB
452 for close to 2 years, she was the point-person behind
453 the global gala, plus she being a graduate student in
454 HCI, she has good knowledge of computers and
455 webpage designing software.
456 v. VOTE:
457 1. Yes – 46
458 2. No – 0
459 3. Abstain – 1
460 vi. PASSED, Anna is the CIO-elect.
461 vii. VP Fateh gives the election chair responsibilities back
462 to CIO Sarkar.

5. URLA Chair

a. Nomination: Senator Tlach

- 465 i. He will not going to be here in summer, but he will
466 get the things done and has spoken with current
467 URLA Pelzer about it. He will be in ISU till May
468 2012, so will be present here through the entire term
469 ii. Senator Tlach asked to leave the room, floor open for
470 discussion.
471 iii. VOTE:
472 1. Yes – 44
473 2. No – 0
474 3. Abstain – 1
475 iv. PASSED, Senator Tlach is the URLA Chair- elect.

6. PAG chair

a. Nominations: Senator Yeninsas, Senator Stoehr

- 478 i. Senator Yeninas withdrew his nomination.
479 ii. Stoehr – GET STATEMENTS FROM APRIL.
480 iii. VOTE:
481 1. Yes – 47
482 2. No – 0
483 3. Abstain – 1
484 iv. PASSED, Senator Stoehr is the PAG Chair- elect.

VIII. Announcements meeting

a. President Smith

- 487 i. The new exec-elect people – please get in touch with your current post
488 people for transition, there will be a meeting soon about it, mail will be sent
489 out.

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- 490 ii. Remember the Regents' day this Thursday, please attend.
- 491 b. Sarkar – Opens the nominations for GPSS Senators for next year, will update the
- 492 forms on the website. Current senators are encourages to return next year, and also
- 493 recruit new fellow students for senators.
- 494 IX. Adjournment - 9:31 am