

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

August 29, 2011; 7:00 PM
South Ballroom, MU

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
 - c. Approval of the Minutes
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. Senate Bill F11-01 – Allocating Funds to Screen PhD Movie and Host PhD Comics Creator Jorge Cham
- III. Open Forum
 - a. Craig Ogilvie, Assistant Dean, Graduate College
 - b. Roberta L. Johnson, Director of Student Financial Aid
- IV. Senate Forum
 - a. OPEN
- V. Remarks and Reports
 - a. Report of the President
 - i. President Smith
 - b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee
 - i. Vice President Fateh
 - c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee
 - i. Treasurer Gross
 - d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee
 - i. CIO Sarkar
 - e. Report of the URLA Chair
 - i. URLA Chair Pelzer
 - f. Report of the PAG Chair
 - i. PAG Chair Brgoch
 - g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
- VI. Old Business
 - a. OPEN
- VII. New Business
 - a. Senate Bill F11-01 – Allocating Funds to Screen PhD Movie and Host PhD Comics Creator Jorge Cham

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2011; 7:00 PM
1652 Gilman Hall

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker – quorum met
 - c. Approval of the Minutes- approved
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
 - i. Speaker to Open Forum
 - ii. Revote on bills from last week to amend Constitution and By-laws (old business)
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. Senate Bill S11-06 - Allocating funds for the 4th Annual Rabies Symposium
- III. Open Forum
 - a. Associate Dean William Graves – Dean of the Graduate College
 - i. There are no plans currently to cut graduate programs
 - ii. It is a very involved process to cut graduate programs
 - iii. 113 Graduate majors currently and 37 certificate programs
 - iv. We have gained more graduate programs in the last decade than we have lost
 - v. We are developing a process to evaluate inter-departmental majors – we would welcome feedback
 - vi. Smith – Example would be elimination of History of Science and Technology major; how can graduate students be more involved? - I can come as often as you need to come update you on this issue
 - vii. Looking at overview of graduate programs similar to one performed at University of Iowa last year
 - viii. Gross – GRST 633 – Will now be charged FICA (social security) – 5.65% about \$90mo
 1. Graves – we didn't realize this would be the case – you will no longer be considered a student and exemption from FICA will disappear; Dean Holger has said by early this fall we will have a plan in place to take care of this by next summer; different colleges are looking at different ways to cover this (eg, a small summer raise to cover this)
 - ix. Woolcock – this arises because we are getting no credit – couldn't we get research credit for the class
 1. Graves – you can't receive credit without tuition
 - x. Kirk – What is limit to not have to pay FICA?
 1. ¾ time, but not beyond that

- xi. K. Ament – Difference in fees between being registered and not?
 - 1. No
- xii. Kramer – Can't take this if you are graduating?
 - 1. No, not if you are defending
- xiii. Fateh – as much as ¾ time in summer?
 - 1. Yes
- xiv. Russel – How does this affect student loans?
 - 1. Lott – 633 will be treated like internship and so loans will still be able to be obtained and deferred
- xv. Gross – how does it work with NSF grants?
 - 1. I'll look into that
- xvi. Kemmet – Graduation ceremony
 - 1. Registrar's office is in charge of graduation ceremony; rising concern with the number of students at graduation at CY Stephens; guests were limited to 6; if you can reasonably limit guests to 6, that would be appreciated, there will be no enforcement; it was a friendly request; there won't be any ticketing; we don't know happens if they meet capacity; ask our guests to sit close together – don't create a lot of single, empty seats
- xvii. Sarkar – in the event of being over capacity, can we put screens outside to see?
 - 1. I can email them to bring this up and suggest it
- b. Sarah Passonneau - Assessment Library
 - i. We would really like to get feedback from graduate students
 - ii. We have no baseline data on graduate students – about 10 minutes
 - iii. Questions
 - 1. Senator Joyce – if you are graduating in May, is this a good survey to do?
 - a. Maybe no
 - iv. Beverage card and cookies for those who participate in focus group
 - 1. Luttrell – if you are graduating, should we do this? No
 - v. Read confidentiality statement
 - vi. Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9X2Q8GJ>
 - vii. Contact: spassonn@iastate.edu (w) 294-2117; (c) 203-5517
 - viii. Krissage – what should we do with completed survey?
 - 1. Hard survey back to me; Give email and name if you want to be contacted
 - ix. This can affect how we spend money and do renovations in the library
 - x. This IS voluntary
 - xi. We are doing an international version next year
 - xii. Kemmet – will the results be shared?
 - 1. Yes, transcriptions will be shared of focus group
 - 2. What are we doing well?
 - 3. In terms of the building itself, is there anything we can do better?
 - 4. Instructional services to help speed up your research and get you things quicker

- 5. Future service
 - xiii. Russell – Can we pass this on to our constituents?
 - 1. Yes, but please inform them why we are doing this and why it is so long
 - xiv. Kramer – How can you do focus group if its anonymous
 - 1. The focus group gets you the cookies, which you can provide your information
 - xv. When you do this survey, if there is something irritates you about it, please let me know
- IV. Senate Forum
- a. None
- V. Remarks and Reports
- a. Report of the President
 - President Bodnar – she got a prestigious fellowship and is in Washington DC
 - b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee
 - Vice President Smith
 - i. Rules committee did not meet this month- bill is being waived with opinion from rules committee
 - ii. VEISHEA ended this weekend – please bring any comments or concerns by Wednesday; hostility on Welch?
 - iii. We don't know budget yet
 - c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee
 - Treasurer Gross
 - i. Finance committee looked at bills and reported our favorably
 - ii. Tell your constituents about FICA – it is about \$100/month
 - 1. Swanson – who should we talk to?
 - a. Your boss
 - 2. Some departments are reconsidering
 - 3. Some students are FICA exempt
 - 4. Kramer – there seems to be a lot in flux – is there any place to get information
 - a. Shelley – I sent out the most recent information – tuition will be assessed on Friday
 - 5. K. Ament- is it our job to notify students or the departments?
 - 6. Brgoch – when is fee for changing schedule?
 - a. 5th class day, so you have some time
 - 7. Holinger – Last summer I was an hourly employee
 - a. Hourly always has FICAs; no registration requirement for hourly employee
 - 8. Kirk – is the decision to limit students to ¾ time was because of FICA
 - a. Only C-based can't be full-time
 - 9. Graduate students are C-based
 - d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee
 - CIO Kemmet

- e. Report of the URLA Chair
 - URLA Chair Allen
 - i. My future position holder Chris will collect committee updates
 - ii. Thank you to all the graduate students who participated in VEISHEA
 - f. Report of the PAG Chair
 - PAG Chair Luttrell
 - i. Senator Brgoch will be new PAG chair
 - ii. Peer teaching and research award announced
 - g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
- VI. Old Business
- a. Second vote on SB S11-03: Amending the By-Laws and Articles of Cooperation
 - i. Question
 - 1. Favor – 42
 - 2. Opposed – 0
 - 3. Abstain – 1
 - ii. Passes
 - b. SB S11-04: Amending the Constitution
 - i. Question
 - 1. Favor- 44
 - 2. Opposed- 0
 - 3. Abstain-1
 - ii. Passes
- VII. New Business
- a. Senate Bill S11-06 – Allocating funds for the 4th Annual Rabies Symposium
 - i. Read by Senator White (allocate \$1400)
 - ii. Presentation by Planning Board for 4th Annual Rabies Symposium at Iowa State
 - iii. Questions
 - 1. Laughlin – if you got donations, would that offset this budget?
 - a. Yes, then it gets return
 - b. Gross – if money doesn't get returned then it comes off allocations
 - 2. Smith – can you do interactive questioning?
 - a. We are looking into it; also, typing in questions and someone reads them
 - 3. Keweshan – I think the ideas is a good one, do you feel like you have a lot of interest from outside Vet Med?
 - a. Registration to Gateway Center is free and students can go there; the overflow is for people who only want to go to a few talks, which may appeal to a broader base; We were just notified a few weeks ago that we won this so we haven't informed everyone yet
 - 4. Kirk – POC – we are in discussion for food for offsite? (YES)
 - How essential is food to making this a success
 - a. This event will happen either way with or without funding; food is a great benefit and accommodating; we have over

30 clubs; food makes more people come; trying to make experience similar for on-site and overflow

5. Allen – Food really helps, people won't come only for good, but it helps
6. Gross – we did basically fund the exact same thing last month; we have \$37,000 in our account
7. Question
 - a. Favor - 43
 - b. Oppose -0
 - c. Abstain – 2
8. Passes

VIII. Announcements

- a. Smith – Don't forget next week W (April 27) 5-6:30 for presidential search

IX. Adjournment

