

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 16, 2012; 7:00 PM

South Ballroom, MU

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call – DONE (45/85)
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - MET
 - c. Approval of the Minutes - APPROVED
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
 1. Treasurer Gross asked UC for rules to be waived and added Senate Bill S12-17 - Establishing Regular and Special Allocation Guidelines for FY2013.
 2. CIO Sarkar asked for UC to remove Sarah Passonneau, Assessment Librarian from the agenda.
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. Senate Bill S12-14 - Bridging students' scholarship development and academic-social connection through collaborative peer support structures
 - i. Senator Kleinheksel presented the bill.
 - b. Senate Bill S12-15 - Cancer Topics Scientific Journal Club
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 - c. Senate Bill S12-16 - Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization Graduate Learning Community
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- III. Open Forum
 - a. Keith Bystrom, Associate Counsel, ISU
 - i. Thanks for inviting, here with James, dean of students, here to talk about amending student disciplinary rules, will send out the changes as we speak.
 - ii. Met with GSB last week to talk about some of the proposed changes, basically caused by US department of education, announced first in April 2011 in the "DEAR COLLEAGUE letter" – way of providing guidance to departments and students – this is not a new rule, but guides and explanation about how to interpret current rules - how Title IX is implemented within the departments, how the university should look under the civil rights act, manage sexual misconducts.
 - iii. The letter is asking to make further changes, good thing we made some changes 3 years back, thus now we need to make smaller changes. Some major issues deal with sexual misconduct and discriminatory harassment.
 - iv. Some of the changes involve:

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1. Increased focus on responsibility of Title IX coordinator – usually someone in the HR department - jobs like training of people on such issues, obligation to help the university to increase awareness. Also monitor the implementation and specific cases to make sure Title IX issues are being followed. Jessica Stolee, the Interim Assistant Director of Equal Opportunity and Compliance, is the new Title IX Coordinator to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination and harassment policies.
2. Review of grievance procedures and all disciplinary procedures, work is being done to put all relevant information through a good website, including definitions and resources. Applies to harassments not only to students, but also employments folks, and also by external 3rd party people on campus. Now, we investigate sexual harassment by hired detectives, not just university judiciary; building bridges with Ames Police.
3. Title IX asks for prompt action when necessary, we do that already – we take interim action – for e.g. removing from university housing, scheduling of classes to remove 2 parties from same college - more issues in UGs as compared to grads.
4. Need to handle cases promptly, we should not defer to the criminal process, we now wait till the criminal judgment is passed and then we do our disciplinary actions; however recommendation suggests to take all actions within 60 days.
5. University also implemented research misconduct policy – went into effect last fall – research misconduct for the UG is handled by departments, for grads, it is handled by the research misconduct policy.
6. Have to use **preponderance of the evidence** – legal terms, lawyers have to meet to as evidence, we already had it; the major change was we had 5 people in the judiciary, recommendation to dean of students, and dean decides – currently 4/5 had to recommend, after reviewing we changed it to 3/5 – does lower the standard a little bit, but matches with “dear colleague letter”.
7. Records of disciplinary actions section – changes added to the policy
8. Changes will start next fall, ask questions – review any issues by the end of the semester.
 - a. CIO Sarkar – whom to contact?? EMAIL to dean of students or myself.
 - b. Senator Deleon – criminal proceeding will not have as before? How would it help if student is not allowed to speak during criminal investigation – WE WILL be proceeding with the evidence, accused student will be allowed to testify.
 - c. VP Fateh – if the student complains about sexual misconduct off campus, who will take charge? ISU police will not take point, but Ames police. Is there any statistics for grad students, will they get any support from university? ALL

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universities have certain policies, “dear college letter” is trying to make it more uniform; if our students are involved in any sexual misconduct events off campus, we need to work with Ames police to get a report – this might cause some problem sometimes. We have good relationship between ISU police and Ames Police. Still students can make use of the resources available, wherever it might happen.

- d. Senator Yeninas – What is the scope of the punishment? If there is a DUI off campus, what repercussions can the university do? IF a student sexual misconducts another student, then university has the right to punish. WHAT about DUI cases??? Referred to section 4.1.3 off campus violations, the dean will decide if there is a clear connection to the university. No example of DUI, but if DUI happens in campus town, then we are affected since it endangers our students. Maybe we can have some kind of educational sanctions.
 - e. Senator Kleinheksel – there are lots of graduate students who are also employees, someone who is punished under student policy, would he/she also be under the effect of the employment policies? Being student will take precedence.
 - f. Senator Russel - Is there distinction between grad student and employee – feels like abuse of power by the university – UNDER this policy, you are a student, under another policy, you are under a different policy? ITS NOT like that, the 1st choice would be student policy for disciplinary purposes, but that will not prevent some sanctions being put by the employment section as well.
 - i. Follow-up - it would be lovely if there are some guidelines, something in writing where the rights are delineated? THE graduate student handbook chapter 7 handles most of the issues, please check it out.
 - g. Senator DELEON – will the graduate council be able to address the issue of student vs. professional? President SMITH – the Graduate council may not be the correct body, GRAVES – more like a collaborative effort between grad council, University employment and HR.
- v. President SMITH – The perfect place to ask these questions will be the deans search open forum.
1. Refer to Moss – last summer we didn’t have to register for credits, this time register just for 2 credits to be full time, department communicated in January through the department, it really affects the masters students cause they were made aware that they would have to pay 50% of the fees very recently -
 - a. Senator Russell _ didn’t see any mail in department.
 - b. Senator Peters - circulated extensively in HCI

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c. Senator Kleinheksel – ECPE was also notified.

~~b. Sarah Passonneau, Assessment Librarian~~

IV. Senate Forum

a. Jeritt Tucker

i. Gave presentation.

ii. Checked slides.

1. DELEON – will u do outreaches?> YES

2. SARKAR – what next?

3. WHITE – what are the hours? 7.30 AM – 5 PM

4. Senator RIDDLE – any arranged times later for Vetmed students?
Yes, we do.

5. Senator YENINAS – same privacy policy as rest? YES, all kept confidential.

6. Senator BEYER – question about general counseling?? LEAVE bunch of brochures in the back.

a. Individual support or group support?? Yes, we do both.

7. Senator ANDERSON – are you located in student services? YES, 3rd floor. No caps or limits to the number of sessions.

8. Senator Kleinheksel – learn skills and techniques so that grads need not come back every time?? YES, we teach skills.

b. Senator DELEON – 4 students are required to represent on graduate council – ASK FOR MAIL FROM DELEON.

c. Senator Kleinheksel - working on provost selection, going very well, off campus done recently, announcement will be done soon, candidates will come as soon as next week; please attend open forums.

V. Remarks and Reports

a. Report of the President - President Smith

i. Thanks for letting me serve.

ii. Currently a part of dean of students and provost search, encouraging senators to be a part of it also.

iii. VEISHEA opening ceremony 2mrw, feel free to come to Sun Room.

iv. Open to questions:

1. Senator Stoehr – will the CVs will be posted about the candidates?
YES, after the announcement, the CVS will be made available on the ISU website.

b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Fateh

i. Thanks for letting me serve.

ii. Rules found all favorable.

iii. Social was fun with music and subs.

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- iv. Veishea week, have fun, selling buttons, mobile website is very nicely designed, can buy tickets online as well.
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Gross
 - i. Several bills dealing with finance were on presentation today.
 - ii. Transitioning with Treasurer Elect Peters and will continue doing so.
 - iii. \$119K budget, hoping for some surplus this year.
- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee
 - i. CIO Sarkar
- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Pelzer
 - i. Open positions announcement.
- f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Brgoch
 - i. Money finished till July 1, 2012.
 - ii. Open to questions:
 - 1. Senator YENINAS – when will the awards be announced?
 - 2. Treasurer GROSS added the comment that there will be 1000\$ more.
 - 3. Senator Kleinheksel - shouldn't this surplus \$1000 be applied to the 1st half?? Not stipulated yet, the senate will decide.
- g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
 - i. President Erica mentioned about open seats.
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution (2nd & final read)
 - i. Senator WOOLCOCK - CONSIDER AS READ, PASSED
 - ii. Called to question – 2nded, voting.
 - iii. VOTING
 - 1. Yes – 43
 - 2. No – 0
 - 3. Abstain – 1
 - iv. PASSED
- VII. New Business
 - a. Senate Bill S12-14 - Bridging students' scholarship development and academic-social connection through collaborative peer support structures
 - i. Senator Kleinheksel read the bill.
 - ii. Open to questions:
 - 1. Treasurer Gross – is this a student organization? Need some student org account number by April 30th.
 - 2. Senator White- how is this sustainable? Sustainability is defined as after 1 time money giving.
 - 3. Senator PERRINE – vet med had submitted 2 proposals about surgical instruments? Why was that cut and this food passed?
 - 4. Treasurer GROSS – amendments to cut food items.
 - 5. Senator Kleinheksel – request not to cancel items.
 - 6. Senator TLACH – just cause some bills didn't pass, no need to rip others.

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7. Senator Anderson – we spent lots of time debating the merits of all the applications.
8. Treasurer GROSS – directed to Senator Kleinheksel, explain the sustainability aspect.
 - a. Senator Kleinheksel – plans to welcome brand new students into this brand new event, focused on student success.
9. Senator PERRINE – we are not bitter about it.
10. Senator BATINOV – why should GPSS provide funding to this which is already supported by 2 bodies?? THERE ARE certain gaps, which this student organization is trying to fill up.
11. Voting on amendment
 - a. Yes – 3
 - b. No – 34
 - c. Abstain – 5; amendment fails.
12. Voting on the bill as a whole
 - a. Yes – 35
 - b. No – 2
 - c. Abstain – 5; PASSED
- b. Senate Bill S12-15 - Cancer Topics Scientific Journal Club
 - i. Senator Kleinheksel read the bill.
 - ii. Treasurer Gross – is it a student org?
 - iii. Treasurer Gross – table the bill, Senator Kleinheksel agreed; UC called and agreed.
- c. Senate Bill S12-16 - Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization Graduate Learning Community
 - i. Senator Kleinheksel read the bill.
 1. Beyond normal fund raising, implementing the 1st learning community, it is important to consider the success.
 - ii. Called to question, 2nded.
 - iii. VOTING
 1. Yes – 33
 2. No – 1
 3. Abstain – 6
- d. Senate bill S12-17 – Establishing Regular and Special Allocation Guidelines For FY2013
 - i. Treasurer Gross read the bill
 - ii. Went point by point through the changes.
 - iii. QUESTIONS:
 1. Senator Eyheralde – NREM - Working with animals? Ferile org might hurt cats?
 2. Senator Yeninas – grammatical error. Adhered to become adhere.
 3. Senator Batinov – 24 month ledger very strict? Aaron – NO, this is state requirement, we need to follow it.
 4. VOTING
 - a. Yes – 39
 - b. No – 0

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- c. Abstain – 1
 - e. Treasurer GROSS – bring back Senate Bill S12-15 - Cancer Topics Scientific Journal Club from table, bill bought back.
 - i. If they don't make student org by April 30th, then the bill will die. They could go through.
 - ii. URLCA chair PELZER – student organization need to be formed before application, not formed so later.
 - iii. Senator RIDDLE - it is part of existing org, would create new facet of the org and fund it thru this proposal scheme.
 - iv. President SMITH – maybe change the “journal club” to student led seminar?
 - v. Senator WHITE – money is for starting the club or for sponsoring the speaker?
 - vi. VOTING
 - 1. Yes – 26
 - 2. No – 2
 - 3. Abstain – 11; PASSES.
- VIII. Announcements
- a. CIO Sarkar – new senators, next year – spread the word, all the best.
 - b. Senator White – where are the new forms? THEY are available on the GPSS website now.
- IX. Adjournment @ 9.20 p.m.