

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

November 2012 Meeting Notes

Monday, November 26, 2012

7:00 PM

Sun Room

Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call – 73%
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
 - c. Approval of the Minutes - Approved
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
 - i. Add Senate Order F12-10 Nominating Graduate Students to the GSB Senate
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. Senate Bill F12-09 Special allocation for the Graduate Meteorology Club
 - b. Senate Order F12-10 Nominating Graduate Students to the GSB Senate
- III. Open Forum
 - a. Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President and Provost
 - i. Contact: provost@iastate.edu
 - ii. The office of is responsible for the division of academic affairs, which includes teaching, research and outreach. For more information: <http://provost.iastate.edu/what-we-do>
 - iii. What does provost do? Jonathan Wickert reports to the President and the Senior Vice President. He is responsible for planning, budgeting, diversity programs, information technology initiatives, and the recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students. Also monthly meets with GSB and GPSS presidents.
 - iv. Message to the graduate students: don't underestimate luck and value the relationship with your advisor/major professors.
 - v. net increase of 50 faculty positions, currently there are 75 positions open.
 - vi. Open Forum
 1. Senator Pritchard: with new record of student enrollment, what steps does ISU take to maintain the balance of university growth and its academic quality?
 - a. Our 4-year consecutive highest student enrollment is a challenging, yet good problem to have. The major challenges involve class and lab space and class sizes. ISU is a member of elite Association of American Universities group (www.aau.edu). As President Leath's expressed earlier, ISU aims to increase graduate student body by 2,000 students, we hope that our new collaborations with the other academic institutions will result in more

publications, bring in more grants, and thus attracting more students. All these factors will help us to maintain if not improve the quality of research we do here. Overall, ISU is a strong brand. We are known for a high-quality research and affordable tuition. While we continue to grow, we will work to sustain the quality of this institution.

2. Senator Den Herder: Vet Med has doubled its graduation class since 2009 and we see how this negatively affects the quality of our program. What measures can be taken to prevent this?
 - a. Start locally. Talk to your department chair first. Ask him/her to clarify what measures have been taken and ask why. If you see no progress, come and see me. I will be glad to serve as the link in this dialogue. But I strongly urge you to talk to your department chair first.

- b. Senator Zenko, "Omicron Delta Kappa: An Opportunity for Iowa State"
 - i. What is Omicron Delta Kappa? It is first collegiate society to honor leadership and service on a national scale (1914).
 - ii. Currently has 300,000 members
 - iii. Benefits to be ODK member involve: networking opportunities, scholarships and awards, recognition, leadership initiative development, opportunities for a lifetime service
 - iv. What we need now: 10-15 qualified students (top 35% of class, leadership experience) and 4-5 faculty/staff. Members. Select officers and obtain institutional recognition.
 - v. Costs: \$750 institution chartering fee and \$70 lifetime membership
 - vi. If interested, please contact Senator Zenko: zenko@iastate.edu

IV. Senate Forum

V. Remarks and Reports

- a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel
 - i. Sick policy and arrival of child policy are currently under the review
 - ii. Forum regarding students fee is on Monday, December 5th, 7pm, Campanile Room, Memorial Union. School administrators will answer students' questions.
 - iii. Student life committee is preparing a survey. It is planned to be distributed in spring 2014.
- b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León
 - i. Several applications were received for Margaret Ellen White Graduate Faculty Award
 - ii. Searching for spring picnic/BBQ committee members
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters
 - i. We have received money for Fall 2012 regular allocations, so please inform your student organizations that they should see the new transfer soon

- ii. Senate Bill F12-09 Special Allocation for the Graduate Meteorology Club was not submitted on time, yet due to emergency situation, it was still considered. The Finance Committee found the bill as follows:
 - 1. Favorable – 4
 - 2. Unfavorable – 4
 - 3. Non-bias - 2
- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari
 - i. Feedback on Social Network Event: about 30 people attended. Suggestions: make it earlier in the semester, change the day to Friday, and make it earlier (~7pm).
 - ii. Bar Service at the event: since GPSS is a student organization, it cannot pay for the bar service. However, departments can co-sponsor GPSS events. Bar set-up fee: \$75 + \$100 for each hour. If you think your department could co-sponsor and cover the bar service fees, please let me know.
- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach
 - i. Lied Recreational Center: 3rd floor will be closed until January 4th, 2013 for renovation
 - ii. State Gym offers family hours on Saturdays and Sundays 2-5pm
 - 1. Non-pass holder or non-ISU adults (18+): \$6.00; dependents: \$1.00 each up to 4
 - 2. dependents
 - 3. Sat & Sun 2-5pm; restriction of use by minors as follows
 - 4. Ages 0 – 13: Pool, gym, climbing wall
 - 5. Ages 14 – 16: minimal supervision
 - 6. Ages 16 and up: unsupervised use of State Gym
 - iii. Improvements to Intramural fields east of Jack Trice
 - iv. No recreational fee next semester
 - v. If you are registered for Spring 2013, student insurance covers you through early August.
 - 1. If within 50 miles of Ames must use Thielen Health Center
 - 2. If not, SSHIP will provide network vendors (best benefits) in your location
 - 3. Can go to any provider but benefits may vary
 - vi. United Healthcare will be in-network starting Dec 1, 2012
 - vii. Kathy Griffin: Thursday November 29, 2012 7PM at Stephens Auditorium
 - 1. 2 for 1 for ISU students (\$40)
 - 2. \$68 and \$58 for general admission
- f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr
 - i. Awarded 3 Research and 2 Teaching awards, letter will be mailed this week

- ii. Still working on PAG application process. On average, 2-3 questions are received regarding PAG application process. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know.
 - g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
 - VI. Old Business
 - VII. New Business
 - a. Senate Bill F12-09 Special allocation for the Graduate Meteorology Club
 - i. Read and presented by Senator Marquis
 - 1. This is the biggest meteorology conference. The supplies will be used at the ISU booth to attract potential graduate students. Supplies that will remain will be returned to GPSS. In the past, this was covered by the department. This year, the department used this funding to sponsor undergraduate students to go to this conference.
 - ii. Friendly amendment
 - 1. Change the total from \$600 to \$625
 - iii. Questions/comments:
 - 1. Is the booth for recruiting graduate students only?
 - a. It will showcase a strong presence of ISU graduate research
 - 2. Does GPSS fund gifts or other promotional material?
 - a. No, GPSS does not fund gifts or promotional material. The only exception is VEISHA events when student organizations are promoting their organizations on campus. Recruitment events are not approved during the regular allocations.
 - 3. Have you considered other funding opportunities?
 - a. Yes, bookstore can donate about 25 pens. For funding, we were directed to GPSS. Our department cannot fund as it used its funding for undergraduate students.
 - 4. Is this the only recruitment event for the graduate students?
 - a. Yes.
 - 5. Why should GPSS money (i.e. graduate fees) be used to cover departmental costs and/or sponsor undergraduate students?
 - 6. Would ISU Graduate Meteorology Club consider using its regular allocations for this event?
 - a. We use our regular allocations to fund two speakers. One of these speakers is already confirmed.
 - iv. Vote:
 - 1. Yes: 37
 - 2. No: 28
 - 3. Abstain: 10
 - 4. Bill does not pass
 - b. Senate Order F12-10 Nominating Graduate Students to the GSB Senate
 - i. Read and presented by URLA Tlach
 - ii. Passes unanimously
 - VIII. Announcements - None

IX. Adjournment @ 9:39pm

Approved