



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### MEETING NOTES

Monday, February 25, 2013  
7:00 PM  
1352 Gilman

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
  - a. Roll Call – 66%
  - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
  - c. Approval of the Minutes
    - i. PAG: month change to April
    - ii. MET
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda
    - i. Present Senate Bill S13-05 before Senate Bill S13-04
    - ii. Present Senate Bill S13-06 before Senate Bill S13-05
    - iii. Open Forum before introduction of the new bills and resolutions
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
  - a. Senate Bill S13 – 04 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (2<sup>nd</sup> read)
- III. Open Forum
  - a. Dr. Ogilvie – Asst. Dean of the Graduate College
    - i. Individual development planning (IDP) – planning tool to be used by each graduate student. It includes: career goals, skills, how to develop concrete plans to move towards career goals students plans to achieve.
    - ii. Data from other universities shows that IDP increases productivity measured by papers published
    - iii. Similar tools are not currently available to all majors
    - iv. Potential benefits: self-reflection, exposure to broad range of careers, opportunities to discuss your goals with your advisor, target explicit parts of your professional development
    - v. myIDP online tool is currently available from Grad College
    - vi. Open Forum:
      1. Does this tool offer job placement track?
        - a. I do not recall
      2. How one can interpret the scores?
        - a. Haven't explored the tool fully, smart goals can be emailed to remind you
  - b. GSB Presidential candidates
    - i. Spencer Hughes (President) and Hilary Kletscher (Vice President)
      1. [www.hugheskletscher.com](http://www.hugheskletscher.com)



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2. Spencer Hughes – junior in speech communication and political science. Serves on GSB since September 2010. Currently serves as Director of Student Affairs on the GSB Cabinet. Previous experience: Speaker of the Senate and Vice Speaker of the Senate, Chair of the Rules Committee, Vice Chair of the University Affairs, Rules, and Public Relations Committees.
  3. Hilary Kletscher – sophomore in biological systems engineering. Currently serves as a senator representing the College of Engineering.
  4. Main Points:
    - a. Increasing transparency – Twitter/FB/online presence. Before money spent student can see how money is spent
    - b. Executive payments – 3 positions are paid that come from student fees. These payments are expensive, redirect money towards allocations
    - c. GPSS relationships – change the ratio so more money is given to GPSS
- ii. Daniel Rediske (President) and Zach Bauer (Vice President)
1. <http://rediskebauer.com/>
  2. Daniel Rediske – junior in computer science and political science. Serves on GSB since his freshman year. Previous experience: GSB Finance Committee, CyRide Board of Trustees, Ames Metropolitan Planning Organization.
  3. Zach Bauer – sophomore in journalism and political science. Currently serves as a senator for the Inter-Residence Hall Association and as chair of the Public Relations committee.
  4. Main Points:
    - a. GSB is doing ok, can serve better. We are not in touch with the graduate students
    - b. Communication – currently there is a lack of internal/external communication; increase communication between branches
    - c. Projects – strengthening the relationship; GPSS better understands graduate life; we need to strengthen connections; we need a stronger partnership not only between execs, but between whole senate;
- iii. Open Forum
1. What is your take on 50/50 ratio?
    - a. Rediske – I was behind 50/50. I am looking forward to investigate GPSS/GSB ratio in more detail
    - b. Hughes – Hillary supported 60/40. We support and ready to move forward with 60/40 ratio next year
  2. Is there any initiative/plan to collect feedback from all students?



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- a. Rediske – I am doing as much as possible within my network; but first we need to resolve our internal communication and establish a closer relationship with GPSS
  - b. Hughes – take advantage of social media; receive feedback from everyone, we need to go to the students
3. There appears some disconnect between GSB and GPSS. GSB seemed to be more focused on numbers rather than how GPSS can benefit graduate students.
  - a. Hughes – I am in favor of eliminating requirements for GSB Senator at large, the only voices that were heard were of undergraduate students during 50/50 ratio discussion
  - b. Rediske – never heard of GSB Senator-at-large eliminating requirements. I agree we need to establish a consistent relationship through minimizing requirements
4. How is graduate 60% is being spent? How are you spending our money without our input?
  - a. Rediske – we need a stronger relationship between two bodies. 90% of student fees goes to allocations; the rest goes to legal services and other campus services.
  - b. Hughes – we need to make it easier for graduate students to be present at GSB meetings so the voice of graduate students is heard when the issues are discussed.
5. Grad student organizations whose mission consistent with an academic department and/or receives funding from an academic department or college cannot be funded by GSB so lots of GPSS constituents are not represented by GSB.
  - a. Rediske – GSB documents are not very transparent;
  - b. Senator Mukherjee – GSB does not fund clubs that are associated with academic research. These policies restrict lots of undergraduates from joining our graduate student organizations
6. Reducing executive scholarships, wouldn't this reduce motivation?
  - a. Rediske – there are a lot of unpaid positions; I suggest to pay only tuition for 2 positions; ½ for VP, the rest of money would go to the general pot for student orgs, events on-campus;
  - b. Hughes –half of the students manage to combine part-time and GSB; student org need more money; we need to put students first. It would also give us more money to fund projects like NextBus. GSB Execs are here in the summer so some stipend for summer would be beneficial. Rather than paying a full scholarship, other options could be proposed such as parking permit at MU.



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7. How would you promote GSB-GPSS relationships?
    - a. Rediske – meet together, have a common discussion on the bigger level, not just execs; have presence in GPSS, sit in your meetings, having GSB and GPSS presidents visiting each other’s senate only once a year is not enough
    - b. Hughes - Representation structure is the best to fix it. We need to focus more on how to keep Senators so once-a-week interaction continues
  8. Why not have a separate graduate government? Why GSB should continue representing graduate students?
    - a. Hughes – it is beneficial to have one student body and one president to represent all students; if we improve representation, graduate voice will be included within GSB
    - b. Rediske – maybe this is a route to go; GSB is not solution to everything; I can advocate your ideas but I may not fully understand graduate life. I am open to this discussion
  - iv. Senator Pritchard
    1. Graduate needs and reflections survey - how to enhance graduate experience
    2. Are you satisfied overall with your graduate experience thus far?
      - a. 80% Yes; 20% No
    3. What is a most imperative need that ISU has not sufficiently provided?
      - a. Mentorship program; graduate wellness center, graduate-oriented success center; more funding, better health insurance
- IV. Senate Forum
- a. Vice President De León
    - i. Senator at large – idea of creating a committee of 12 senators who would rotate; falls under jurisdiction of VP so no one senator has to attend all the meeting;
    - ii. Changes to Constitution
      1. Change the time to 7:10pm
      2. Change the senator ratio
      3. Removing the voting rights from the executive officers
      4. Removing one executive position
      5. Paying Senator-at-large
      6. Changing senator attendance policy
      7. Senator representing his/her major vs. department
      8. If interested; please contact Rules Committee to review line by line Constitution/Standing Rules/ Bylaws
  - b. CIO Prisacari



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i. Graduate Research Conference - graduate students present their current work in a manner that is understandable to anyone outside their major or department.

1. Benefits:

- a. Diversity of research – you get a broader perspective of what work ISU students conduct, from across all majors
- b. Foster local collaborations: Meet more people within your department or outside the department who have similar research interests
- c. Practice presenting skills: your talk before another conference
- d. Connect undergraduate to graduate students
- e. No need to travel; no cost to presenters

V. Remarks and Reports

a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel

- i. GSB and Senator elections
- ii. ISU Daily expressed an interest to cover more graduate news. Committee chairs please welcome any Daily reporters to your meetings
- iii. Office of the President and the Alumni Association have come together to create a new organization to raise awareness about ISU
  1. <http://alliance.isualum.org/>
  2. [www.allianceforiowastate.com](http://www.allianceforiowastate.com)
- iv. Get involved in VEISHEA
  1. <https://www.veishea.iastate.edu/>
- v. Event management is revising its room reservation policies. Some delays are expected.
- vi. GPSS requested to track annually graduate and post-doc stipends to report next to aggregate staff, merit, and faculty employee salary adjustments
- vii. Insurance for student organizations to borrow university vehicles has been purchased. Specific fees will be discussed in coming meetings.
- viii. January undergraduate enrollment – another increase from the previous year’ January graduate enrollment – too early to report, but is slightly lower than last year
  1. Graduate College added the link to GPSS website under its “Current Students” tab

b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León

- i. Rules Committee found all bills favorable
- ii. Margaret Ellen White is meeting next week, no updates as of yet



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- iii. Spring picnic – April 5<sup>th</sup>, locations are reserved (Howe Hall - rain location; Marston field – good weather).
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters
  - i. 21 regular allocations were received so far. The deadline was extended until Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm due to inclement weather last week and my absence this week. Please encourage your student organizations to apply. Contact treasurer directly for help if needed.
  - ii. GPSS representative on the GSB Finance Committee has resigned. I will be serving on the GSB Finance Committee until I can find a suitable replacement.
  - iii. I attended the Special Student Fee and tuition Committee this month. No changes in fees were discussed.
  - iv. The Finance Committee reviewed the additional \$30,000 that will be received from the 50/50 switch in GSB/GPSS funds and proposed to distribute it to PAGs and regular allocations. Changes are reflected in tonight's budget.
- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari
  - i. Senator Verification Form Updates
    1. Senator Verification forms delivered via Blackboard. The form will be restricted only to one person from your department/program which will substitute the signature.
  - ii. Transparency and Efficiency Committee
    1. We have received a clicker and a receiver from CELT. A short demo is scheduled to be presented during April Senate meeting.
  - iii. Nominations for 2013-2014 GPSS Executive Board positions
    1. President
      - a. CIO Prisacari
    2. Vice – President
      - a. Senator Zenko
      - b. URLA Chair Tlach
    3. Treasurer
      - a. Treasurer Peters
      - b. TJ Rakitan
    4. CIO
      - a. Senator Perez
      - b. Senator Mukherjee
    5. URLA
      - a. PAG Chair Stoehr



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6. PAG
  - a. Senator Zenko
  - b. Senator Singh
- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach
  - i. Possible Speaker option for spring lecture:
    1. Financial planning and responsibility beyond ISU
    2. Expectations beyond job descriptions
  - ii. Board of Regents
  - iii. ISU has  $\approx 5\%$  Admin spending (\$1500/student of \$28,500/student). One of lowest in Admin and Exec spending of public universities
  - iv. Regents wants to increase transparency
    1. Make everything more available to students and especially taxpayers
    2. Make meeting notes more publicly available besides Board of Regents website
- f. Provost Budget Advisory Committee
  - i. Key Performance Indicators have been established
    1. For graduate students: grow graduate enrollment by 2000 students
    2. Increase number of PhDs awarded annually (key for AAU membership)
    3. Hire new faculty and do ground-breaking research
  - ii. Preliminary budget and enrollment estimates for Fall 2013- Spring 2014 being formed
- g. Student Health Advisory Committee
  - i. Working on streamlining check-in process
  - ii. Addressing need for added space/equipment/parking for current services
  - iii. Mission: Be primary care provider for ISU students (physical therapy, same or next day appt., limited orthopedic care, mental health services, and public health service)
  - iv. Working to be an in-network provider for most insurance providers in response of most students remaining on parents insurance until the age of 26
- h. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr
  - i. Funding for PAG for this semester is still available
  - ii. Working on the bill that will presented next month
  - iii. Remind your constituents: to check their PAG status, they need to contact their department first



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- i. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
  - i. GSB Senator Rediske
    - 1. 50/50 ratio
    - 2. Regular allocations are taking place this time
    - 3. Revising bylaws
      - a. Define the funding limits for special regulations
      - b. outlines funding priorities
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Senate Bill S13 – 04 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (2<sup>nd</sup> & final read)
    - i. VOTE:
      - 1. YES: 72
      - 2. NO: 0
      - 3. ABSTAIN: 0
      - 4. PASSES
- VII. New Business
  - a. SB13-05 – Supporting Our Graduate and Professional Students
    - i. VOTE:
      - 1. YES: 72
      - 2. NO: 0
      - 3. ABSTAIN: 0
      - 4. PASSES
  - b. SB 13-06 - Amending the Articles of Cooperation
    - i. Withdrawn
- VIII. Announcements
  - a. Accounting majors volunteer to do taxes. Set an appointment!  
<http://www.business.iastate.edu/students/VITA>
- IX. Adjournment @ 9:49pm