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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Agenda

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Monday, November 18, 2013; 7:00 PM
South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- 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. None
- III. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. David Holger - Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate College and Laura Doering – Registrar
 - b. Spencer Hughes - President of GSB
- IV. Senate Forum
 - a. International Student Fee Committee
- V. Remarks and Reports
 - a. Report of the President - President Prisacari
 - b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Tlach
 - c. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
 - i. Nominations for URLA Chair position
 - d. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
 - e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Huffman
 - f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
 - g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
- VI. Old Business
 - a. None
- VII. New Business
 - a. Executive Election
 - i. URLA Chair
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment



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Meeting Notes
Monday, October 28, 2013
7:00 PM
SUN Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 7:10 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call – 72.60 % MET
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
 - c. Approval of the Minutes – MET
 - i. PASSED with Unanimous Consent
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda:
 - i. Motion to suspend the rules (2 mins) – Passed with Unanimous Consent
 - ii. Add all agenda together
 - iii. Add Senate Bill F13-03
 - iv. Add Senate Order F13-04
 - v. Add Senate Forum – Senator Goswami regarding Socials
 - vi. Add Senate Forum – Senator Pritchard regarding Enhancing Institutional Excellence
 - vii. Amendments PASSED with Unanimous Consent
- II. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. Martino Harmon - Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs
 - i. Was very impressed to see such a robust student organization for graduate students. Role / Goal is to be supportive of students. Privileged to work with Dr. Hill. Had opportunity to meet with the Leadership at ISU.
 - b. Dr. Olivia Madison - Dean of the Library
 - i. Students can voice concerns through the Library Advisory Committee. Senator Anderson is a part of that committee. The committee goes back to 1940s. All colleges and academic units are represented in the committee. Thanks to student input, the Library now have extended hours. The third floor is now renovated. Lots of seating space and units to collaborate. Make use of E-Library. All PhD dissertations till 1916 digitized. Many e-books added to collection. Students were surveyed. Came to know what issues are important to students and what are the satisfactions rates. Further discussion by Librarian Harrison Inefuku.



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1 ii. Discussion

2 Q: Cap on number of concurrent users of e-books prohibits all students in a
3 course to use it.

4 A: Thanks for letting us know.

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6 Q: Rooms need faster Internet.

7 A: Didn't know about it. Thanks for letting know.

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9 Senator Anderson: You are not renting the room. No money involved.

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11 Q: Hard to find power outlets.

12 A: We are doing everything we can to increase power outlets. Will make
13 plug for Tiers as there is electricity along the walls.

14 c. Harrison Inefuku – Librarian :

15 i. Goal is to think how we can use digital repository; a new service launched
16 last April.

17 ii. Can link to documents

18 iii. Fine-tuned for Google and Google scholar, so publications can be easily
19 found in search.

20 iv. Work in repository gets into library catalog.

21 v. You can measure impact through download count.

22 vi. Author dashboard - get good sense of how work is being used.

23 vii. Thesis and dissertations are being put into the repository.

24 viii. Students retain the copyright over their work.

25 ix. If there are problems with publications / patents, publication / thesis can be
26 embargo for a certain period of time.

27 x. Questions coming from all over the world - international audience

28 xi. Portable (If another institute uses Selective Works, work can be migrated)

29 xii. Can publish proceeding

30 III. Senate Forum

31 a. Senator Pritchard -

32 i. Enhancing Institutional Excellence

33 ii. President Leath is making changes to promote grad enrollment and wants to
34 know how to enhance the graduate experience.

35 iii. Senator Pritchard is part of a sub-committee that access the needs of
36 graduate students.

37 iv. Graduate student population to increase from 4500 (current) to 6500 (40%
38 increase by 2017).



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- 1 v. Fiscal year 2014 - put money to bridge funding (if grant is cut off and near
- 2 to graduation).
- 3 vi. Increase enrollment by adding Presidential scholarships.
- 4 vii. Discussion
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6 Senator Mantilla and Diddi expressed concern for housing, specially for
7 International students.

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9 Q: Will some departments be preferred in this 40% increase.

10 A: Not sure

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12 Q: Quality vs Quantity?

13 A: Discussion happened over it. We are playing a balancing act.

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15 Q: Writing center. Can you give further information?

16 A: There is a 4/5-time person hired to start the center. Not sure when it is
17 beginning. May be Fall 2014.

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19 Q: More details about Bridge Funding

20 A: General idea is if a faculty is without funding for a narrow period of time,
21 so there can be bridge funding.

22 b. Senator Goswami

- 23 i. Mechanical Graduate Students organization organizes social gathering.
- 24 ii. Would like other organizations to come join hand for a collaborative social
- 25 gathering.
- 26 iii. Look forward to combine social events with other organizations.
- 27 iv. Activities: Canoeing trip in summer. Go for Friday dinners. Trips to science
- 28 center in Des Moines.

29 IV. Introduction of new bills and resolutions

- 30 a. Senate Bill F13-03 Fall 2013 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)
- 31 Allocations
- 32 b. Senate Order F13-04 Nominating Graduate Students to the GSB Senate

33 V. Remarks and Reports

- 34 a. Report of the President – President Prisacari
- 35 i. Increase in Tuition & Fee



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- 1 initiatives instead of the newsletter or it should be
2 continued?
- 3 f. Events – Conference
- 4 3. What else can GPSS do to increase its awareness?
5 4. What GPSS needs to improve to better serve and represent
6 graduate & professional students?
- 7 iii. State appropriations
- 8 1. Since 1946, 3 universities have received general instructional
9 funding in roughly 40-40-20 split
10 2. In 1960s and 1970s some states began basing their appropriations
11 on student enrollment
12 3. University of Iowa has some additional revenue (hospital)
13 4. A task force committee was created to investigate and re-evaluate
14 the split (merit based?)
- 15 iv. Graduate Orientation
- 16 1. Monday, January 27th 6-7pm (before January Senate meeting)
17 2. Whom would you like us to invite?
18 3. Please help us to spread the word by inviting your constituents.
- 19 v. Pedestrian/Bicycle/Vehicle Safety Committee
- 20 1. How many of you are biking to the campus?
21 2. Approx. 10 accidents have occurred this year that involve bicyclists
22 3. More buses in near future, more students
23 4. This committee composed of members of ISU Police, Ames Police,
24 Cyride, City of Ames, GPSS, and GSB are working on the safety
25 awareness campaign – how can we inform students, faculty, staff of
26 laws and promote safety on campus? If you have any
27 ideas/suggestions, please email GPSS President.
- 28 vi. Regent Walsh visited our campus on Friday, October 11. Her contact
29 information is:
- 30 1. 248 Iowa Memorial Union
31 125 North Madison Street
32 Iowa City, IA 52242
33 Phone: (319) 384-1521
34 E-mail: regenthw@iastate.edu
- 35 vii. “Public Speaking Tips – how to deliver the best presentation”?



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1. Guest Speaker:
 - a. Senior Vice-President of Student Affairs Dr. Thomas Hill
 - b. Luke Lefebvre – Director of Public Speaking, Department of English
 - c. Kennerth Holscher, Entomology professor, Teaching Award 2013
2. Tuesday, November 19th, 6-7pm, Gallery Room, Memorial Union
- viii. For the first time, GPSS and Graduate College will present at the President' Council
 1. Friday, December 13, 8-9am
 2. Please invite your constituents
- ix. Who Needs Feminism (WNF) photo campaign
 1. Who Needs Feminism is a photo campaign where participants write an "I need feminism..." statement on a white board and have their photo taken with it.
 2. If interested to participate, stop by Margaret Sloss Women's Center on Mondays from 3-4pm, Thursdays 10am-12pm, and Friday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.
 3. If you have questions, contact Ouma: ozamadou@iastate.edu
- x. 2014 MLK Jr. Advancing One Community Awards – please consider nominating a student/faculty/student group
- b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Tlach
 - i. F13-03 and F13-04 were found favorable.
 - ii. New ideas for a possible graduate lounge should be sent to gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu
 - iii. Social Information:
 1. GPSS will join SCAVMA for tailgating festivities during Homecoming on Saturday November 9th. GPSS will provide S'mores, chips, and lemonade.
 2. Any new social ideas should be sent to gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu
 - iv. Students can check out water coolers from GPSS.
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
 - i. No new business to discuss
 - ii. Allocations: Finance Committee has made their recommendations, heard appeals, and made their Final Recommendations for Fall Allocations. We



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1 are proposing that \$6608.55 of GPSS funding be administered to the 10
2 clubs that completed allocation applications this semester. This amount is
3 well within our proposed budget of \$16,000. The remainder will be rolled
4 over to Spring Allocations. Note: this amount requested for Fall Allocations
5 is significantly less than the past 3 years. This may be, in part, due to the
6 awkward scheduling of GPSS meetings this year leading to delayed senator
7 sign-up and decreased constituent awareness.

8 iii. GPSS/GSB Student Fees ratio discussion: we will be sitting down with
9 GSB before the November meeting, when Spencer (GSB President) will be
10 presenting to us. We hope to present a unified and logical front as to why
11 the Student Activity Fee distribution ratio is what it is.

12 iv. Finances - nothing new to report. So far, so good. Will update Senate with a
13 budget report likely in December, once we receive our Student Activity Fees
14 distribution.

15 v. Please email me for questions / answers.

16 d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee

17 i. New Website. Can work with both traditional computers as well as smart
18 phones / tablets etc. Please test the website and provide feedback.

19 ii. Email lists:

20 gpssexec@iastate.edu : To reach out to all Execs.

21 gpsssen@iastate.edu : To reach out to entire Senate

22 gpssatlargegsb@iastate.edu : To reach out to Senators at large - GSB

23 iii. Clickers have arrived.

24 iv. Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Also, please encourage
25 your constituents to like and follow us on Facebook and Twitter. This would
26 help the graduate and professional students to connect with GPSS and get to
27 know our activities better. <https://www.facebook.com/GPSS.ISU>
28 https://twitter.com/ISU_GPSS

29 e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Huffman

30 i. Student and Scholar Health Insurance Plan committee

31 1. The process to solicit for new a new health care provider for the
32 SSHIP plan has been delayed for various reasons and won't begin
33 until next year. This means the student insurance plan for FY14-15
34 will still be provided by Aetna.

35 2. A summary of how the Affordable Health Care act affects grad
36 students can be found here:



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1 [http://www.hrs.iastate.edu/hrs/system/files/sship/general/640/affordable_care_act - questions and answers 2013-10-15_0831.pdf](http://www.hrs.iastate.edu/hrs/system/files/sship/general/640/affordable_care_act_-_questions_and_answers_2013-10-15_0831.pdf)

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3 ii. Computational advisory committee

- 4 1. In CAC's last meeting, we looked at the state of financial report /
5 student technology fees. We approved the PaperCut related
6 expenditure be covered through the central pool budget instead of
7 ITS having to charge the departments. This is mostly an
8 administrative change. We also discussed ways to collect ISU
9 community's feedback and suggestion for possible projects that could
10 be funded through CAC funds. Finally, College of Engineering
11 wanted approval for studio / lab equipment related expenditure
12 through the college's CAC funds, which was approved. The meeting
13 minutes for October meeting can be found at:

14 <http://www.cio.iastate.edu/committees/cac/>

15 iii. Conference Update:

- 16 1. The website is being updated. Committee members should expect to
17 see a submission form very soon (possibly this week).

18 f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi

- 19 i. 189 PAG awards approved. . PAG funding remaining for approximately 8
20 applications.

21 ii. Proposed online transition of PAG from Spring 2014

22 iii. PAG committee plans:

- 23 1. To develop rules for PAG, general and special circumstances
24 2. To decide GPSS awards and their criteria – Allocated amount \$4000
25 annually. GPSS awards may be available for student applications by
26 Spring 2014. Please remind your constituents to check GPSS website
27 for any updates that will be posted

28 iv. Senators are encouraged to join PAG committee. Currently the committee
29 meets on Tuesdays at 9AM - 10AM as and when required

- 30 v. Margaret Ellen White Faculty Awards – Nominations being accepted
31 GPSS is currently accepting nominations for the Margaret Ellen White
32 Graduate Faculty Award. Nominations are due to the GPSS PAG Chair
33 by Friday November 29, 5PM. Procedure for nomination can be found at
34 the following link:

35 http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white_award/

36 For any questions please mail GPSS PAG Chair at gpsspag@iastate.edu



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1 VI. Old Business [NONE]

2 VII. New Business

3 a. Senate Bill F13-03 Fall 2013 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

4 Allocations

5 i. Bill read by Sentor Rakitan.

6 ii. Discussion:

7 1. Vice President Tlach: General Allocation funds are not depleted yet.
8 So it is not as if others didn't get paid and Veterinary Medicine took
9 the money.

10 2. Treasurer Helms: 13 applications were submitted. 3 were rejected.
11 The guidelines are a mess and need to be edited.
12 We allocated \$16K. Typically Fall allocations come to about 9-10K.
13 Spring is significantly higher. So we roll over the budget to Spring
14 semester.

15 3. Senator Zenko: For this cycle, students use guidelines as written. So
16 shouldn't penalize. We are already paying through student fees.

17 4. Senator Ramezani: Finance committee is trying to modify guidelines.
18 But it is not fair to keep the bill just because we will change.

19 5. Senator Lois: Vote against it. Bill is discriminatory as most
20 organizations are from Veterinary Medicine. Also the allocations are
21 made on basis of messy guidelines.

22 6. Senator Severs: I take exception to Senator Lois' statement.

23 7. Senator Hollis: Vet Med club events are not exclusive to Vet Med
24 students.

25 8. Senator Lois: With this money we could find 33 PAGs. Why wait to
26 stop wasting money?

27 9. Senator Rakitan: Clubs must have promised to their speakers. So it's
28 unfair to deny them funding now.

29 10. Senator Anderson: Was it broken down in to line items in the past?

30 11. Vice President Tlach: No, that is for special allocations.

31 12. Anderson – GPSS should not change current funding based on future
32 changes.

33 iii. VOTE:

34 1. YES : 47

35 2. NO : 2

36 3. ABSTAIN : 3

37 4. PASSED



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1 b. Senate Order F13-04 Nominating Graduate Students to the GSB Senate

- 2 i. Bharat Agrawal introduced himself.
3 ii. Senator Zenko – Motion to consider as read.
4 iii. Motion passed by Unanimous Consent.
5 iv. No discussion.
6 v. VOTE:

- 7 1. YES : 51
8 2. NO :
9 3. ABSTAIN : 1
10 4. PASSED

11 VIII. Announcements

12 a. GPSS Research Conference (Senator Lawana)

- 13 i. The GPSRC has been rescheduled and finalized on 4th April 2014. Venue
14 has been decided to be College of Design atrium. Provost office is helping
15 us with inviting guest speaker from out side ISU and also Provost Wickert.
16 The event will be one-day event comprised of oral and poster presentations,
17 undergraduate-graduate panel, grant writing workshop, award ceremony and
18 social. The judging and submission just met 2 weeks back and we will be
19 sending more information about it pretty soon. We need more participation
20 from GPSS and graduate students. Website will be updated soon.

21 b. Senator Ramezani : International fee committee - open forum for fee committee.

22 c. Senator at Large Bharat : Please participate in Campus town food crawl.

23 d. Senator Anderson : Halloween party in Great Hall

24 IX. Adjournment @ 9:55 pm

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