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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Meeting Notes

Monday, November 18, 2013

7:00 PM

South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call – 67 %
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - MET
 - c. Approval of the Minutes - MET
 - i. PASSED with Unanimous Consent
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda:
 - i. New Business - Senate Bill F13-05 - Special Allocation for 2014 Graduate and Professional Students Research Conference
 - ii. New Business - Senate Bill F13-06 - Transfer of unallocated funds to PAG account
 - iii. Laura Doering – Registrar not available
 - iv. Add Senate Forum - Senator Zenko
 - v. Add Senate Forum - Senator Anderson
 - vi. Amendment Passed
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. Senate Bill F13-05 - Special Allocation for 2014 Graduate and Professional Students Research Conference
 - b. Senate Bill F13-06 - Transfer of unallocated funds to PAG account
- III. Open Forum
 - i. Dr. David Holger - Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate College
 - ii. Graduate student enrollment is increasing. As or more important, is improving life and education for current and future students. POS modifications, going from paper to web form. Improving how the process can be improved and made more efficient. Hopefully by this time next year, this will be in use. Will help students and professors track courses being offered and taken to make sure POS is followed properly, or changed in a timely manner. Better connection with the individual development of science web based personal development program is sought. Committees are helping to identify things to help improve the graduate experience. Committees have been filled very well over the past 2 years.
 - iii. As far as tuition and fees go, two fees will be increased. Student organization fee goes up \$2.80 to increase funding to student orgs. There is a \$3 increase for students to help fund Cyride. A third fee being



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proposed is the international matriculation fee, as a one-time fee to improve the programming for entering international grad and undergrad students. A committee is examining this fee. A recommendation on the international matriculation fee will be made later this week. The purpose of having this as a fee, is that the funds then can not be diverted. Graduate degree application fee is increasing slightly.

iv. Discussion

1. Question: vet med tuition question.
2. Answer: tuition for vet med is increasing 4%
3. Question: In what departments are professors being hired?
4. Answer: the disciplines track well with where enrollment is increasing.
5. The biggest issue is space. It takes 3-5 years to build new space.

b. Spencer Hughes - President of GSB

- i. Executive compensation reform
- ii. Student organization funding reform
- iii. GSB/GPSS funding reform
- iv. GSB internal structure reform
- v. Only undergrad resident tuition was frozen. Hues claims to be fighting for the inclusion of non-residents and graduate students.
- vi. Asking for a tax credit for Iowa University graduates who stay in Iowa.
- vii. GSB used to be the best-paid executives in the big 12 conference.
- viii. Trying to establish a bike share program. An atypical project for GSB, as it will require many years to complete. Includes a plan to build bike paths?
- ix. Changing how money is allocated to student orgs is being reformed because requests are much greater than the money available.
- x. Improve relations with ISU daily, who have won many awards lately.
- xi. Starting diversity initiatives.
- xii. Discussions on how to improve Cyride service.
- xiii. A fee sharing analysis committee has been formed. Will attempt to identify a logical fee split, instead of the current arbitrary split.
- xiv. Big 12 students will go to the nation capitol to talk to politicians.
- xv. 2014 Big 12 Student government conference will be at ISU.
- xvi. Discussion
 1. Question: question about the safety of bikers, especially in consideration of the bike share program
 2. Answer: the bike share program will give an avenue to address how students move around on campus. It will be a paradigm shift in student transportation.
 3. Question: will it be free?



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4. Answer: I would love for it to be free. There are some models where there is a small fee. We have not yet identified the funding partnerships, though, so that question can't really be answered.
5. Question: warning, at another college, a program like this lead to failure when all bikes were destroyed or lost in short order.
6. Answer: thanks for the warning. There are other colleges where it is successful. Bikes taken are registered to a student who uses an ID to check them out.
7. Question: will there be stations around town, or just on campus?
8. Answer: there are plans to have them on campus and campus town, as well as the possibility of around town as well.
9. Question: is there a particular group being considered as a vendor?
10. Answer: we are looking at a number of possible vendors
11. Question: is the campus wide diversity report completed?
12. Answer: not that I know of.

IV. Senate Forum

a. Senator Ramezani - International Student Fee Committee:

- i. GPSS has 5 representatives.
- ii. ISSO broke down fiscal year expenditures for the committee.
- iii. Chair of admission office informed them about new student program office
- iv. Proposed international fee does not change share to ISSO from other funding sources.
- v. Matriculation fee is in part supposed to go to colleges. Ag department already has something, but other departments do not.
- vi. Increasing the number of international students can't be used as a rationale for a new fee. It's also easy to install a new fee, and almost impossible to remove it. Almost all departments already have some program.
- vii. 40% thought ISSO helps students, and thought orientation was useful
- viii. 50% didn't know ISSO functions
- ix. 80-90% don't participate in the programs.
- x. 90% get most help from friends.
- xi. 35% get help from student orgs, and professors
- xii. 60% are not willing to pay any fee.
- xiii. Discussion
 1. Question: what is the committee's attitude toward the fee
 2. Answer: mostly neutral or favorable

b. Senator Zenko:

- i. Senator Zenko soon to be GPSRC research conference chair.
- ii. Introducing 3-minute thesis idea.
- iii. Question: at what point do you have to be in your thesis writing?



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- iv. Answer: it's more of a thesis statement, so any. It's just to gain exposure and experience.
 - v. Question: is there a critical mass for how many people are needed?
 - vi. Answer: (Senator Lawana) the idea came from the Provost's office, so we expect a great deal of participation. We would perhaps need at least one from each college, expecting maybe 50. Perhaps a preliminary round to find a winner from each college, then having finals at the GPSRC
 - vii. Generally positive informal vote
 - viii. Department dates: set up grad students from different departments to go on an informal "date".
 - ix. Generally positive informal vote
 - x. Work life balance committee: questions comments or concerns should go to Senator Zenko.
 - xi. Discussion
 1. Question: would pag grants require people to participate in our local conference.
 2. Answer: no.
 3. Question: have you talked to Dr. Oglivie about work life Committee?
 4. Answer: not yet
 5. To find out more about three minute thesis visit Threeminutethesis.org
 6. Question: GPSRC should be bugging more for participation and bugging
 7. Answer: once there are concrete room reservations, the rest will start to snowball.
 8. Question: when will submissions be taken?
 9. Answer: abstracts will start to be accepted in January at the latest
 10. Question: will you need help with judging
 11. Answer: yes, please talk to mentors and advisors
- c. Senator Anderson - Library renovations:
- i. Showing some pictures before and after renovations. There are small desks, inconveniently placed chairs. Trashcans are in isle. Wheelchair access is negligible. New spaces have more room, enough chairs to keep floor space and seating, hallway is more open for wheelchair accessibility. Doing it on second floor, now. Was done on third. More spots are getting electrical sockets. Only losing 8 total seats from each floor after renovations.
- d. Senator Hollis:
- i. Emergency alert issue of recent history, is there anybody that can come and talk to us about that?



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- ii. Answer (from President Anna): we're working on getting somebody for that.

V. Remarks and Reports

a. Motion to limit executive reports to 5 minutes each. Seconded. PASSED.

b. Report of the President – President Prisacari

i. Upcoming Events

1. November 19th : Public Speaking Tips by Dr. Hill, Dr. Lefebvre, and Dr. Holscher Meeting with Rec Services and SCAVMA to discuss gym on Vet. Med. Campus
2. Pedestrian/Bicycle/Vehicle Safety committee – thank you to Joe, Ruchir, and TJ for joining this committee with me.
3. December 4th : Board of Regents meeting – Regents will vote on students' tuition and fee. This meeting is open to the public and will take place at ISU. For more information:
<http://www.regents.iowa.gov/>
4. December 13th : President's Council – for the first time GPSS and the Graduate College will speak at the President's Council. We plan to update ISU administration on:
 - a. GPSS recent activities
 - b. graduate/student enrollment
 - c. challenges graduate/professional students face today.
 - d. What message you want GPSS to deliver to the ISU administration? What challenges/concerns you would like GPSS to share with the administration? How ISU can help GPSS?

ii. Graduate Writing Center

iii. Stipends for graduate assistants across campus and over time

1. Graduate College ensures that all students are paid at least the established minimum for the university but have not been tracking variance across campus not over years in a systematic way. Would it be of interest to you and your constituents for us to request Graduate College to begin collecting stipend data by department/major? Keep in mind, some departments allow stipends to vary among their students.

iv. MU Food policy for student orgs.

1. If your event is at MU and is only for your members (attendance < 30), you can get food from the approved vendor. Otherwise you will need to get food only from ISU Dining. Due to price



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differences, price match between ISU Dining and approved vendors was requested.

- v. GPSS Branding
 - 1. How GPSS can increase its awareness
 - 2. How GPSS can better serve all graduate/professional students?
- vi. Faculty hiring – ISU is hiring more faculty than ever before (see the Chronicle ad attached)
- vii. MU Board of Directors Student Advisory Committee
 - 1. Facility Changes
 - a. Terrace LED lighting will be replaced this fall
 - b. Lecture “capture” was purchased and is being installed
 - c. Couches and “coffee” tables purchased for the Underground
 - d. Ramp lighting upgrades completed
 - e. MtvU system has been removed from the Commons
 - 2. MU Budget
 - a. General Funds’ support of \$2.6 million in FY 14
 - b. Utility expense in excess of \$1 million annually
 - c. Student Fee of \$24.55/semester is used to pay for 2008 renovation debt service of \$24million
 - d. Student Fee of \$3/semester is used to pay for \$1.1 million Multicultural Center renovation
- viii. President’s Leath priorities:
 - 1. Maintaining academic excellence
 - 2. Enhancing basic and applied research footprint
 - 3. Promoting economic development
 - 4. Improving campus environment
 - 5. Increase awards (external grants) by 2% on average each year using three-year rolling averages
 - 6. Increase graduate enrollment by 100 students per year and increase PhD degrees awarded by 10% over five years

Graduate Enrollment (Fall Term)						
College	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CALS	628	638	634	627	655	692
Business	282	280	273	258	198	221
Design	128	144	174	158	182	202
Engineering	963	963	1,024	997	1,013	1,161
Human Sciences	683	720	734	766	758	732
LAS	1,163	1,199	1,225	1,217	1,161	1,145
Interdept	552	576	552	556	546	435
V. Med	85	89	107	102	94	122



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Total	4,484	4,609	4,723	4,681	4,607	4,710
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PhD Degrees Awarded						
College	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CALS	33	25	18	23	52	27
Business	--	--	--	--	--	--
Design	--	--	--	--	--	--
Engineering	69	90	68	85	89	80
Human Sciences	68	47	52	81	70	68
LAS	78	101	109	111	102	116
V. Med.	4	6	10	7	7	8
Interdept.	56	47	44	51	56	50
Total	308	316	301	358	376	349

- c. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Tlach
 - i. 2 bills, both reviewed favorably.
 - ii. Social – Tailgating not many showed up
 - iii. Graduate Lounge – any spaces available? Requested feedback.
- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
 - i. “Clickers” set up completed. To be used in November Senate.
 - ii. Elections to be held in November Senate meeting (18th November) for new URLA Chair. Nominations accepted till before the elections.
 - iii. Only GPSS senators can be nominated. Senators can self nominate themselves.
 - iv. Current Nomination:
Ex GPSS President (2012 - 2013) Kleinheksel, Cory James
- e. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
 - i. Allocations: Submitted intramural 11/13/2013, those organizations that are receiving funds should receive them by the end of the month, early next month.
 - ii. GPSS/GSB Student Fees ratio discussion: had an initial meeting with GSB and proposed a committee with 3 representatives from both organizations provide justification and/or support for the current ratio split. We need 3 representatives, please consider joining. This is a topic that will ultimately be revisited every 2-3 years so that a constant line of reasoning and justification can be maintained, revisited, and reviewed.
 - iii. Finances – nothing new to report, Student Activity Fee deposit is due in our account by the end of the month.
 - iv. Budget – Will be presenting a new budget for FY2015 in January. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I will begin discussion with Finance Committee over Thanksgiving break.



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- v. Allocations – I hope to seriously review and revise the Regular Allocations guidelines for FY2015. Please, if you have any suggestions, submit them to me and/or a member of the Finance Committee. Better yet, join the Finance Committee and help us improve this overbearing process!
- vi. Please email me if you have any questions/concerns.
- vii. 2 bills: GPSS Grad Conference – Finance Committee viewed favorably, PAG Transfer – jury still out.
- viii. Need 3 members for GPSS/GSB ratio discussion...please sign up.
- f. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Huffman
 - i. The Student Health Advisory Committee held their last Outreach Forum for the semester last week. There were 2 topics:
 1. ISU Dining resources for students with special dietary needs. ISU Dining has a registered dietitian to work with students with special diets; there is a special diet kitchen as well. Students will need a doctor's note in most cases to take advantage of these resources.
 2. Use of Social media in health care. Social media plays multiple roles in healthcare and can be a means of communication for both patients and providers.
 - ii. Presentation slides are attached.

Also, ISU Thielen Student Health Center partnered with McFarland Clinic and Mary Greeley Medical Center to create a video of a Pink Glove Dance for breast cancer awareness. Voting opened this past Friday and will remain open until 11/8/13. They are encouraging all ISU students to vote for the video daily. Here is the link to the video:

<http://www.pinkglovedance.com/videos/2013-video-contest/mary-greeley-medical-center/>

Student Health is using social media for giveaways. Students can follow on Facebook, Twitter, etc.
@CycloneHealth
facebook.com/CycloneHealth
pinterest.com/CycloneHealth
health.iastate.edu





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- vi. GPSSRC – Senator Zenko replacing URLA Chair Huffman as Co-Chair.
Abstract submission form is in works.
- g. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
 - i. PAG funds depleted for Fall 2013. Please inform your constituents.
 - ii. Spring 2014 PAG applications will be accepted from December 2013
 - iii. Margaret Ellen White Faculty Awards – Nominations are being accepted
 - iv. GPSS is currently accepting nominations for the Margaret Ellen White Graduate Faculty Award. Nominations are due to the GPSS PAG Chair by Friday November 29, 5PM.
 - v. Procedure for nomination can be found at the following link:
http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white_award/
 - vi. For any questions please mail GPSS PAG Chair at gpsspag@iastate.edu
 - vii. I will put an envelope outside the GPSS office, for collection of forms.
 - viii. We will transition to online system for PAG sometime in Spring 2014. We will keep you updated. Till then, paper PAG forms will be continued. Please inform your constituents.
 - ix. Please email me with any questions at gpsspag@iastate.edu
- VI. Old Business [NONE]
- VII. New Business
 - a. Executive Election
 - i. URLA Chair
 - 1. Senator Zenko: Can URLA chair miss exec/senate meetings?
Vice President Tlach – One exec meeting, one senate meeting.
 - 2. What are the responsibilities of the URLA Chair? Sit on meetings, communicate with Daily, and attend Faculty Senate.
 - 3. Nominations:
 - a. Ex GPSS President (2012 - 2013) Kleinheksel, Cory James
 - b. Vice President Tlach nominates Senator Saleen. Declined
 - c. Senator Zenko nominates Senator Rakitan? Declined
 - 4. Cory introduces himself
 - 5. No discussion
 - 6. Vote:
 - a. Yes 83%
 - b. Abstain 17%
 - b. New Business - Senate Bill F13-05 - Special Allocation for 2014 Graduate and Professional Students Research Conference
 - i. Read by Senator Lawana
 - ii. Treasurer Helms – there is a mismatch between needed funding and requested funding



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- iii. Senator Lawana – we'll request \$1000 to be transferred from URLA account in the spring
 - iv. Treasurer Helms – point of information, we currently have \$28,000 including all the donations
 - v. Senator Lois – I propose to postpone this bill until we have a copy of the itemized budget
 - vi. URLA Chair Huffman – we have an itemized budget already. [displayed the budget on the screen and explained it to the Senate]
 - vii. Senator Hollis – do you know of any other universities that host a similar event?
 - viii. Senator Lawana - Yes, University of Iowa hosts the Jacobsen Conference every year
 - ix. Senator Zenko – I motion to extend the discussion for five more minutes, second by Senator Saleem
 - x. Senator Anderson – call to question, second by Senator Santos
 - xi. Vote:
 1. Yes – 77%,
 2. No -12%
 3. Abstain – 12%
- c. New Business - Senate Bill F13-06 - Transfer of unallocated funds to PAG account
- i. Read by Senator Goswami
 - ii. Senator Anderson – why did this not roll into spring regular allocations?
 - iii. Treasurer Helms- this bill may result into \$3000 shortage for our regular allocations.
 - iv. Senator Den Herder – please consider that many student organizations do not have their event agenda. This explains why many student orgs apply in spring and not in the fall semester.
 - v. Treasurer Helms – we can always allocate more money to PAG at any time. Typically we allocate more money in spring than in the fall. I am expecting to allocate about \$17,000 in Spring 2014
 - vi. Senator Rakitan – we will never have enough money for PAG, allocating more money to PAG will not solve the problem.
 - vii. Motion to extend debate – 63% yes, 33% no, 1% abstain
 - viii. Senator Santos – point of information, with this funding we can fund about 50 PAGs or 20 student orgs. We can serve more students by allocating these funds to the student orgs.
 - ix. Senator Ramazami – I propose to transfer \$6000.00 to GPSS PAG and \$5391.45 to GPSS regular allocations for Spring 2014
 - x. Senator Santos – I can only see benefits to roll over money to PAG later in the spring semester.



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- xi. Vote on the Amendment: yes – 48%, no – 30%, abstain – 22%
- xii. Senator Lois – PAG money helps students to travel to conferences and promote their research. Our students will benefit more if GPSS allocates this excess to PAG rather than to regular allocations.
- xiii. Senator Gerbatsch– funding the Vet. Med. student orgs helps professional students. Vet.Med student orgs help our students to get more hands-on practice and experience thus supplementing the material we are taught in classes.
- xiv. Treasurer Zenko – I motion to table the bill until after spring 2014 regular allocations are complete.
- xv. Senator Louis – by not transferring this money may possibly affect students who apply for PAG in February. It is a problem, but we cannot fix it.
- xvi. Vote to table:
 - 1. Yes – 58%
 - 2. No – 38%
 - 3. Abstain – 6%

VIII. Announcements

- a. Senator Lawana – propose to add an extra position, an officer to be responsible for all socials, research conference, and PR.
- b. President Prisacari - This week is international week at ISU. Please show your support to our multicultural student orgs and consider attending one or few of their events. During their events, International Student Council will be accepting donations for the Philippines disaster.

IX. Adjournment @ 10:10 pm