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## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### Meeting Notes

Monday, January 27, 2013

7:00 PM

South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 7:15 P.M.
  - a. Roll Call – 81.33 % MET
  - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
  - c. Approval of the Minutes – MET
    - i. Yes: 52
    - ii. No: 1
    - iii. Abstain: 5
    - iv. PASSED
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda:
    - i. Add Treasurer Helms to Senate Forum
    - ii. Add Senator Anderson to Senate Forum
    - iii. Remove Jerry Stewart – Director of Public Safety from Senate Forum due to unavailability
    - iv. Yes: 57
    - v. No: 0
    - vi. Abstain 3
    - vii. PASSED
- II. Open Forum
  - a. Karen Bovenmyer - CELT Program Coordinator
    - i. Brief discussion on the Wakonse Conference
    - ii. Wakonse conference: The Wakonse is a conference College Teaching. GPSS sponsors five graduate students every year to attend this conference. Students gain insightful experience about teaching which contributes to their overall graduate professional development. This conference is held in a relaxed environment which allows them to prepare for teaching. The GPSS Wakonse fellowship sponsors the conference fee, room and board. If further information is required please contact me at [melig@iastate.edu](mailto:melig@iastate.edu)
    - iii. Motion to Extend Open Forum
      1. Yes: 40
      2. No: 16
      3. Abstain: 3
      4. PASSED
    - iv. Question: When is the conference?
    - v. Answer: Memorial Day weekend 21 – 27 May 2014
    - vi. Forms available online



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- vii. Question: What happens if GPSS does not fund this event?
- viii. Answer: GPSS has funded for number of years. Twice as many students applying for Wakonse.
- ix. Comment: Benefits – whole experience what teachers go through, helps in developing teaching philosophy, how to mentor and be a mentee, different points of view.
- x. Question: How do you choose who goes to Wakonse?
- xi. Answer: GPSS decides who goes. A committee is formed for assigning.
- b. Dr. Warren Madden – Senior Vice President for Business and Finance
  - i. The reason for Dr. Maddens visit was to primarily discuss the unfortunate incident, firing on campus on November 4, 2014 and review of policies and procedures. To know more from graduate student perspectives about what went on and what can be done. The university collected lot of information about the unfortunate incident and the event. The university administration is looking at this can be incorporated in the broader issues in policy
  - ii. In a nutshell about the incident, Ames police were informed of an individual who stole a truck. The police followed him from Beach Avenue to Central campus area. The chase activity lasted for 4 minutes till the truck entered the central area on campus near the MacKay Hall. Concerns were raised about communication/alerting everybody on campus. Students have different systems that they can choose from for receiving alerts - text messages, email, voice messages. Students have to elect as to which method. Messages were sent and a lot depended on what technology a student opted. Intent of the alert system is to inform direct information as quickly as possible.
  - iii. We would like to know suggestions for improvement of communication. November 4th event was over within 4 minutes. There have been concerns that information was not sent to students. One of the university's challenge is to provide accurate information – collecting information can take some time. On November 4th when the unfortunate incident happened most students were in class. The university aims to improve our communication technologies. Sirens helped students. The university is currently working on improving on providing information quickly. We are exploring as to how we could use social media to get the word out. We can try and provide more information
  - iv. In other incident, there was a chemical spill at the research park – fumes were coming out. Questions were raised about how it would affect CVM. KCCI had a live camera, fire trucks were responding. Different questions need to be answered: Can we provide accurate information quickly? Can we do a better job at training people at what to do in emergency situations? Can we improve technology? The university is reassessing all



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circumstances at how to communicate and how people make decisions. Google made software change and hence there was a delay in sending the message for November 5 event. We are encouraging training program and we want to assure that ISU is a safe campus.

- v. Question: Could there be any other measures than resulting in killing the person?
- vi. Answer: The county attorney concluded what the officer did appropriately.
- vii. Question: Do you know the Cyride dispatcher to be notified?
- viii. Answer: Cyride dispatchers were on the alert system, must have got the messages. Not sure if they got the message or not.
- ix. Comment: ISU to explore speech communication
- c. Nancy Keller – ISU Dining
  - i. Extended hours for East West and South side markets
  - ii. New café on campus: Global café in Curtiss Hall, improved wi-fi ISU
  - iii. Dining helps support all operations
  - iv. Food committee meeting Feb 20 6PM Heritage room UDM
  - v. [nancyl@iastate.edu](mailto:nancyl@iastate.edu) – Please email what types of food, healthy option (will you have it?)
  - vi. Question: Will there be option for driving and dining?
  - vii. Answer: We are exploring options.
  - viii. Question: What happens to leftovers?
  - ix. Answer: They are picked up by food at first and youth shelter services, and halfway houses.

### III. Senate Forum

- a. Treasurer Helms – Budget for 2014 - 2015
  - i. Finance Committee met on 2015 budget
  - ii. Student Fees were overestimated and budget needs to be cut by \$9000/-
  - iii. Redundant items being cut from budget and given to the grad conference allocations from fall rolled into spring
  - iv. Budget was based on past year(s) expenses
  - v. Anna - many events this year were not paid for be GPSS but in the future will have to be if we want them to continue
  - vi. Bill came through Finance Committee – approved.
  - vii. Budget Surplus for the end of the year - ~\$5,000.
- b. Senator Anderson
  - i. An apartment system where graduate and professional students can search for other graduate and professional students to find potential roommates.
  - ii. A common system for all students doesn't help as graduate students have specific needs.
  - iii. Show of hands showing Senate supportive of such a platform.



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- IV. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
  - a. Senate Bill S14-01 – Modification of Peer Teaching and Peer Research Awards
  - b. Senate Resolution S14-02 – Preservation of the Wakonse Graduate and Professional Student Fellowship
  - c. Senate Resolution S14-03 – Proposal for a Career Fair for Graduate and Professional Students
- V. Remarks and Reports
  - a. Report of the President – President Prisacari
    - i. Public Speaking Seminar
      - 1. Thank you to everyone who came. We had about 120 students in attendance.
      - 2. The Director of Public Speaking has shared some links with us:
        - a. <http://www.presentationzen.com>
        - b. <http://www.duarte.com>
    - ii. Gym at Vet. Med campus – no suitable location could be identified
    - iii. International Student Matriculation Fee – Board of Regents approved the fee installment up to \$120, but due to the committee’s feedback, there will be no fee for 2014---2015. The committee will continue to work on this topic.
    - iv. Projected student enrollment for Fall 2014
      - 1. Undergraduate enrollment – similar to Fall 2013
      - 2. Graduate enrollment – is projected to increase
    - v. Graduate Writing Center – thank you for encouraging your constituents to participate in the survey regarding the Graduate Writing Center. Thanks to you, the Graduate College has collected feedback from ~ 600 students. The Provost’s Budget Advisory Committee is now revising the proposal.
    - vi. Graduate College E---newsletter – last semester Senate recommended the Graduate College to stop the distribution of the Graduate E---newsletter. How can the Graduate College communicate with the students in more efficient way?
    - vii. Change in F policy
      - 1. Former Policy: F 0.0 points. Not satisfactorily completed and course must usually be repeated. Only with extenuating circumstances can a student graduate with an F or NP on the permanent record. The major professor must make a written request to the Dean of the Graduate College explaining those circumstances. An F mark in a course taken S/F is counted in the



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- grade point average and is equivalent to an F in a regularly graded (A---F) course.
2. Current Policy: F – Not satisfactorily completed, not allowed on the POS, but is included in the GPA. Typically must be repeated; only with extenuating circumstances can a student graduate with an F or NP on the permanent record, regardless of whether the course is used on the POS. The Dean of the Graduate College may consider requests from POS committees to allow graduation with an F on the permanent record only if the course is not on the POS, the course is unrelated to the student's scholarly discipline and thesis/dissertation topic, and the cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher. An F mark in a course taken S--- F is counted in the grade point average and is equivalent to an F in a regularly graded (A---F) course.
- viii. Inclusion Workshop – campus climate survey data indicates that students may not feel secure or encouraged for success. Do students know the process for addressing concerns? From the seven departments that participated in the Inclusion Workshop, three have had or will have department workshops. Graduate students may be having separate meetings. There will be scheduled harassment training sessions for faculty and staff, as well as some for graduate students.
  - ix. On---Campus food Sales – student groups are once again able to sell food with the proper precautions.
    - x. GSB
      1. ISU will host the next Big 12 Governors Conference
      2. GSB elections are coming up. The President and Vice---President candidates will speak at our next Senate.
    - xi. Memorial Union
      1. February 10 – March 10 MU will celebrate its 85th birthday. There will be historical photos around MU.
      2. Lecture capture system – permanent installation in ballrooms + 2 portable units for any rooms; system will not be live streaming, but will have recordings to be put online
    - xii. ISU Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is hosting its forum this Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30pm to 5pm in the State Gym. At this forum, SHAC will share updates about services and current news. Also it is an opportunity for you to communicate needs and concerns about Student health. Anyone is interested?



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- xiii. Academic Communication Program
  - 1. <http://acp.grad-college.iastate.edu/>
  - 2. Input on the website
- xiv. Bridge funding – the details of this program have not been set yet. If interested, please ask your major professor to talk to your DOGE. I will keep you posted as more information becomes available.
- xv. Exec elections are in two months. Please consider to self-nominate or nominate someone for an executive position.
- xvi. Senator Elections – please encourage your department/program to elect senators in April and invite new Senators to attend the April Senate meeting with you. This will help new Senators to get more familiar with GPSS and have a smoother transition.
- xvii. English Placement test data (see slides)
- xviii. Upcoming Events/Meetings
  - 1. Panel Discussion: How to prepare for and succeed at academic interviews?
    - a. Thursday, February 20th, 11:30am – 1pm.
    - b. Students need to register on Facebook
  - b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Tlach
    - i. Rules committee to decide on the 1 bill and 2 resolutions for January 2014
    - ii. Need volunteers for amending constitution
    - iii. GPSS Unofficial Senator social hour held at Welch Ave Station: Thursday January 30 at 7:00 PM.
  - c. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
    - i. Problems with non---response grid identified with unused clickers. Henceforth unused clickers will not be brought to the Senate meetings.
    - ii. Henceforth responsibility of taking meeting notes will be shared among all Execs and will not be an exclusive responsibility of the CIO. This is to enable CIO to handle the clickers and the presentation.
    - iii. The following flyer was updated:  
[http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/images/GPSS\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/images/GPSS_Flyer.pdf)  
Please use it to popularize GPSS
  - d. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
    - i. Allocations: Senate should have received an email from me advertising Spring 2014 Allocations. We have \$25,391 (including remainder from Fall 2013) of eligible funds to disperse to qualifying organizations. Please let your constituents know about this important source of club funding! Due Date is Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.



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- ii. Allocation Revisions: Nothing proposed as of yet. Please submit any recommendations you may have to the current allocation guidelines.
- iii. GPSS/GSB Student Fees ratio discussion: First meeting is unscheduled, but will be soon. This will be a frequent discussion occurring every other week until consensus statement/position is reached between the two organizations.
- iv. Finances/Budget – See attached budget. Fall 2013 Student Activity Fee distribution was substantially less than we budgeted for. We will be dipping heavily from our surplus account to make ends meet. As of now we are projected to end FY2014 with a surplus of ~\$5,000 (started FY2014 with a surplus of ~\$19,000).
- v. FY2015 Budget – Will be presenting a new budget for FY2015.
- vi. Please email me if you have any questions/concerns (GPSS Treasurer@iastate.edu)
- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Kleinheksel
  - i. Committee appointments are still open, particularly for appointments requiring GPSS senators. Please consider the following opportunities:
    1. University Affairs Committee ([http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page\\_id=357](http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page_id=357))
    2. University Committee on Disabilities (<http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=31>)
- f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
  - i. Spring funding still available; please let your constituents know that they can apply.
  - ii. 7 NEW nominations were received 4 were forwarded to the Graduate College for final review
  - iii. Review of peer teaching and research awards
- VI. Old Business [NONE]
- VII. New Business
  - a. Senate Bill S14-01 Modification of Peer Teaching and Peer Research Awards
    - i. Bill read by substitute representing Senator Zenko
    - ii. Senator Hollis – How many PAGs does this award?
    - iii. PAG Chair Diddi – 20.
    - iv. Senator Helmich – How many original awards would this funding allocate?
    - v. PAG Chair Diddi – 20.
    - vi. Senator Anderson – How are printing costs covered?



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- vii. PAG Chair Diddi – Comes from office expenses
- viii. VOTE:
  - 1. YES : 42
  - 2. NO : 10
  - 3. ABSTAIN : 6
  - 4. PASSED
- b. Senate Resolution S14-02 Preservation of the Wakonse Graduate and Professional Student Fellowship
  - i. Read by Senator Zenko
  - ii. Senator Lois – GPSS has PAGs, Wakonse gets \$700 of other graduate students money.
  - iii. Supporters of the bill need to identify why Wakonse deserves 5x as much money as PAGs.
  - iv. Wakonse is a special carve out for something that should be funded through PAGs.
  - v. Wakonse has its benefits, but the primary purpose is for one person to add to resume and point it out to potential employers on other student's dime.
  - vi. Senator Rakitan: Do departments contribute to this beyond what GPSS contributes?
  - vii. Senator Pritchard: No
  - viii. Senator Helmich: Directly falls under the realm of professional advancement and should be spent as such.
  - ix. President Prisacari: Wakonse different from standard conference, for those interested in teaching, does not fall under the realm of PAGs.
  - x. Vice President Tlach: Does this fall under PAG jurisdiction?
  - xi. PAG Chair Diddi: Yes, but we have been funding Wakonse independently since 1999, would like to
  - xii. Senator Zenko: One of the differences between Wakonse and PAGs, PAGs for individual growth and development while wakonse benefits everyone, there is a fundamental difference in the benefits derived from wakonse.
  - xiii. Senator Herschberger: Conference anyone can go to, competitive, PAG committee was discussing increasing dollar total?
  - xiv. Senator Helmich: Wakonse we want to specially allot funding for people to become better teachers vs. allotting funding for people who want to advance in other fields.
  - xv. Senator Anderson: Not necessarily a personal benefit due to nature of application (requires one year remaining in your education) so students of Wakonse attendee benefit as well.
  - xvi. Senator Ramezani: Better to have this money coming out of PAGs





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- xvii. Senator Pritchard – philosophical decision. Think of it as an opportunity cost. If we decide not to invest in the bill we decide not to invest in the teachers of tomorrow.
  - xviii. Senator Hollis: PAG and Wakonse both serve the public good of the university.
  - xix. Senator Helmich: PAGs also benefit the university as a whole due to exposure for the university through presentation at conferences.
  - xx. Senator Santos: Too easy to get funding for PAGs, first come first serve. Wants to know how competitive Wakonse is, in its current state it is not competitive. Perhaps in funding Wakonse we're sending our most competitive students for development.
  - xxi. Senator Rakitan: We can't overlook that there is positive external benefit. We need a measure of candidate willingness to pay to go to this conference. Want to see good researchers who can also teach coming out of Iowa State. As a way to promote Iowa State, this has its benefits, but as to whether or not to fully fund those students warrants discussion.
  - xxii. PAG Chair Diddi: GPSS is more than about funding PAGs,
  - xxiii. President Prisacari: Don't compare which brings more benefits to Iowa State overall. PAG is more research oriented, Wakonse is more teaching focused. Wakonse brings a lot back to campus, attendees provide sessions for TAs to help develop their teaching skills. CELT known outside the university. CELT cannot operate without student input, students going out and bringing outside knowledge and information back to ISU.
  - xxiv. VOTE:
    - 1. YES : 33
    - 2. NO : 20
    - 3. ABSTAIN : 5
    - 4. PASSED
- c. Senate Resolution S14-03 Proposal for a Career Fair for Graduate and Professional Students
- i. Read by Senator Singh
  - ii. CIO Mukherjee: Negative response to current Career fair geared towards undergraduates. Graduate career fairs common across multiple universities. This is not something novel and something that should be implemented to improve the graduate experience at ISU.
  - iii. Senator Singh: listed examples of schools with career fairs.
    - 1. University of California, Berkley
    - 2. Purdue University
    - 3. North Carolina State University
    - 4. Stanford University
    - 5. University of California, San Diego
    - 6. University of Kansas



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- iv. Senator Singh: Proposes friendly amendment -- “Sponsored by university Provost Office”
- v. Senator Rakitan: Has anyone estimated the efficacy of such career fairs at other universities?
- vi. CIO Mukherjee: We do not have such information – but if happening repeatedly at other universities It must be having an effect.
- vii. Senator Rakitan: How long have these fairs been around?
- viii. Senator Singh: No information
- ix. Senator Lawana – friendly suggestion, who would be interested in holding a graduate career fair?
  - x. Show of hands – majority
- xi. Vice President Tlach: we can now tell grad college that students want this
- xii. Senator Anderson, C.: Student services building has career counseling. Want me to ask them about career fair, its feasibility?
- xiii. Senator Magtoto: will this require funding requirement from GPSS?
- xiv. CIO Mukherjee: No. Generally career fairs funded by provost office. This resolution is to have student body back up to say students want this.
  - xv. Senator Ramezani: Purdue Universities organize this for over 7 years.
- xvi. President Prisacari: Ask constituents how they currently seek employment? Conferences, other events? What is the gap that we can fill with this event?
- xvii. Senator Santos: Way to think about how to do this career fair? Not just companies, university representatives wanted as well.
- xviii. CIO Mukherjee: that should be included
- xix. Senator Anderson, A: motion to table it till next month
- xx. CIO Mukherjee: resolution, can’t be tabled?
- xxi. Vice President Tlach: Postpone the vote
- xxii. Senator Anderson, A: move to next meeting, gather more data, then hold the vote
- xxiii. Vice President Tlach: motion on the floor to postpone vote till next meeting, who seconds?
- xxiv. No one seconded the motion.
- xxv. Vice President Tlach: Since motion was not seconded the Senate will vote on the bill
- xxvi. VOTE:
  1. YES : 55
  2. NO : 0
  3. ABSTAIN : 2
  4. PASSED

### VIII. Announcements

- a. GPSS Research Conference (Senator Zenko)



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- i. Request to encourage all students to submit abstract.
    - ii. Abstracts submitted – 12, only one 3-minute thesis submission, out of 12, 7 people have already publicly presented data before – double dipping. Need more abstracts submitted, need high quality abstracts submitted.
  - b. President Prisacari:
    - i. Consider going to seminar for major, invite everyone to submit work.
    - ii. Sending an email for Feb 20th panel discussion. Event page on Facebook, register there. How to Prepare and Succeed at Academic Interviews.
- IX. Adjournment @ 10:05 pm
- X. Voting Record
  - a. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/13-14/January/Vote/Question.html>
  - b. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/13-14/January/Vote/Participant.html>

Some of the clickers in the above link do not mention the Department / Program. The list below describes that list:

    - 5F3130 - Plant Biology (Interdepartmental)
    - 5F31A0 - Agronomy 3
    - 5F320E - Psychology
    - 5F320C - Mathematics 1
    - 5F2B05 - Food Science and Human Nutrition
    - 5F2B08 - History
    - 5F2C0D - Apparel, Events Hospitality Mgmt.