



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Agenda

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4 Monday, February 24, 2014; 7:00 PM
5 South Ballroom, Memorial Union
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7 1. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
8 i. Roll Call
9 ii. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
10 iii. Approval of the Minutes
11 iv. Amendments to the Agenda
12 2. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
13 i. Senate Bill S14-04 – Consolidation and Reform of PAG Policies
14 ii. Senate Bill S14-05 – Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal
15 Year 2015
16 3. Open Forum
17 i. Hillary Kletscher - GSB Presidential Candidate
18 ii. Khayree Fitten - GSB Presidential
19 4. Senate Forum
20 i. None
21 5. Remarks and Reports
22 i. Report of the President - President Prisacari
23 ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Tlach
24 iii. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
25 iv. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
26 v. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Kleinheksel
27 vi. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
28 vii. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
29 6. Old Business
30 i. None
31 7. New Business
32 i. Senate Bill S14-04 – Consolidation and Reform of PAG
33 ii. Senate Bill S14-05 – Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal
34 Year 2015
35 8. Announcements
36 i. CIO Mukherjee – Senators can now check voting records through GPSS website. Links will
37 be provided in the meeting notes of every Senate meeting as long as clickers are used.
38 9. Adjournment
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Meeting Notes

Monday, January 27, 2013

7:00 PM

South Ballroom, Memorial Union

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- 7 1. Call to order 7:15 P.M.
- 8 i. Roll Call – 81.33 % MET
- 9 ii. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
- 10 iii. Approval of the Minutes – MET
- 11 a. Yes: 52
- 12 b. No: 1
- 13 c. Abstain: 5
- 14 d. PASSED
- 15 iv. Amendments to the Agenda:
- 16 a. Add Treasurer Helms to Senate Forum
- 17 b. Add Senator Anderson to Senate Forum
- 18 c. Remove Jerry Stewart – Director of Public Safety from Senate Forum due to
- 19 unavailability
- 20 d. Yes: 57
- 21 e. No: 0
- 22 f. Abstain 3
- 23 g. PASSED
- 24 2. Open Forum
- 25 i. Karen Bovenmyer - CELT Program Coordinator
- 26 a. Brief discussion on the Wakonse Conference
- 27 b. Wakonse conference: The Wakonse is a conference College Teaching. GPSS sponsors
- 28 five graduate students every year to attend this conference. Students gain insightful
- 29 experience about teaching which contributes to their overall graduate professional
- 30 development. This conference is held in a relaxed environment which allows them to
- 31 prepare for teaching. The GPSS Wakonse fellowship sponsors the conference fee, room
- 32 and board. If further information is required please contact me at melig@iastate.edu
- 33 c. Motion to Extend Open Forum
- 34 1. Yes: 40
- 35 2. No: 16
- 36 3. Abstain: 3
- 37 4. PASSED
- 38 d. Question: When is the conference?
- 39 e. Answer: Memorial Day weekend 21 – 27 May 2014



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- 1 f. Forms available online
- 2 g. Question: What happens if GPSS does not fund this event?
- 3 h. Answer: GPSS has funded for number of years. Twice as many students applying for
- 4 Wakonse.
- 5 i. Comment: Benefits – whole experience what teachers go through, helps in developing
- 6 teaching philosophy, how to mentor and be a mentee, different points of view.
- 7 j. Question: How do you choose who goes to Wakonse?
- 8 k. Answer: GPSS decides who goes. A committee is formed for assigning.
- 9 ii. Dr. Warren Madden – Senior Vice President for Business and Finance
- 10 a. The reason for Dr. Maddens visit was to primarily discuss the unfortunate incident,
- 11 firing on campus on November 4, 2014 and review of policies and procedures. To know
- 12 more from graduate student perspectives about what went on and what can be done.
- 13 The university collected lot of information about the unfortunate incident and the event.
- 14 The university administration is looking at this can be incorporated in the broader issues
- 15 in policy
- 16 b. In a nutshell about the incident, Ames police were informed of an individual who stole
- 17 a truck. The police followed him from Beach Avenue to Central campus area. The
- 18 chase activity lasted for 4 minutes till the truck entered the central area on campus near
- 19 the MacKay Hall. Concerns were raised about communication/alerting everybody on
- 20 campus. Students have different systems that they can choose from for receiving alerts -
- 21 text messages, email, voice messages. Students have to elect as to which method.
- 22 Messages were sent and a lot depended on what technology a student opted. Intent of
- 23 the alert system is to inform direct information as quickly as possible.
- 24 c. We would like to know suggestions for improvement of communication. November 4th
- 25 event was over within 4 minutes. There have been concerns that information was not
- 26 sent to students. One of the university’s challenge is to provide accurate information –
- 27 collecting information can take some time. On November 4th when the unfortunate
- 28 incident happened most students were in class. The university aims to improve our
- 29 communication technologies. Sirens helped students. The university is currently
- 30 working on improving on providing information quickly. We are exploring as to how
- 31 we could use social media to get the word out. We can try and provide more
- 32 information
- 33 d. In other incident, there was a chemical spill at the research park – fumes were coming
- 34 out. Questions were raised about how it would affect CVM. KCCI had a live camera,
- 35 fire trucks were responding. Different questions need to be answered: Can we provide
- 36 accurate information quickly? Can we do a better job at training people at what to do in
- 37 emergency situations? Can we improve technology? The university is reassessing all
- 38 circumstances at how to communicate and how people make decisions. Google made
- 39 software change and hence there was a delay in sending the message for November 5
- 40 event. We are encouraging training program and we want to assure that ISU is a safe
- 41 campus.
- 42 e. Question: Could there be any other measures than resulting in killing the person?



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- 1 f. Answer: The county attorney concluded what the officer did appropriately.
- 2 g. Question: Do you know the Cyride dispatcher to be notified?
- 3 h. Answer: Cyride dispatchers were on the alert system, must have got the messages. Not
- 4 sure if they got the message or not.
- 5 i. Comment: ISU to explore speech communication
- 6 iii. Nancy Keller – ISU Dining
- 7 a. Extended hours for East West and South side markets
- 8 b. New café on campus: Global café in Curtiss Hall, improved wi-fi ISU
- 9 c. Dining helps support all operations
- 10 d. Food committee meeting Feb 20 6PM Heritage room UDM
- 11 e. nancyl@iastate.edu – Please email what types of food, healthy option (will you have
- 12 it?)
- 13 f. Question: Will there be option for driving and dining?
- 14 g. Answer: We are exploring options.
- 15 h. Question: What happens to leftovers?
- 16 i. Answer: They are picked up by food at first and youth shelter services, and halfway
- 17 houses.
- 18 3. Senate Forum
- 19 i. Treasurer Helms – Budget for 2014 - 2015
- 20 a. Finance Committee met on 2015 budget
- 21 b. Student Fees were overestimated and budget needs to be cut by \$9000/-
- 22 c. Redundant items being cut from budget and given to the grad conference allocations
- 23 from fall rolled into spring
- 24 d. Budget was based on past year(s) expenses
- 25 e. Anna - many events this year were not paid for be GPSS but in the future will have to
- 26 be if we want them to continue
- 27 f. Bill came through Finance Committee – approved.
- 28 g. Budget Surplus for the end of the year - ~\$5,000.
- 29 ii. Senator Anderson
- 30 a. An apartment system where graduate and professional students can search for other
- 31 graduate and professional students to find potential roommates.
- 32 b. A common system for all students doesn't help as graduate students have specific
- 33 needs.
- 34 c. Show of hands showing Senate supportive of such a platform.
- 35 4. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
- 36 i. Senate Bill S14-01 – Modification of Peer Teaching and Peer Research Awards



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- 1 ii. Senate Resolution S14-02 – Preservation of the Wakonse Graduate and Professional
- 2 Student Fellowship
- 3 iii. Senate Resolution S14-03 – Proposal for a Career Fair for Graduate and Professional
- 4 Students
- 5 5. Remarks and Reports
- 6 i. Report of the President – President Prisacari
- 7 a. Public Speaking Seminar
- 8 1. Thank you to everyone who came. We had about 120 students in attendance.
- 9 2. The Director of Public Speaking has shared some links with us:
- 10 1. <http://www.presentationzen.com>
- 11 2. <http://www.duarte.com>
- 12 b. Gym at Vet. Med campus – no suitable location could be identified
- 13 c. International Student Matriculation Fee – Board of Regents approved the fee
- 14 installment up to \$120, but due to the committee’s feedback, there will be no fee for
- 15 2014---2015. The committee will continue to work on this topic.
- 16 d. Projected student enrollment for Fall 2014
- 17 1. Undergraduate enrollment – similar to Fall 2013
- 18 2. Graduate enrollment – is projected to increase
- 19 e. Graduate Writing Center – thank you for encouraging your constituents to participate in
- 20 the survey regarding the Graduate Writing Center. Thanks to you, the Graduate College
- 21 has collected feedback from ~ 600 students. The Provost’s Budget Advisory Committee
- 22 is now revising the proposal.
- 23 f. Graduate College E---newsletter – last semester Senate recommended the Graduate
- 24 College to stop the distribution of the Graduate E---newsletter. How can the Graduate
- 25 College communicate with the students in more efficient way?
- 26 g. Change in F policy
- 27 1. Former Policy: F 0.0 points. Not satisfactorily completed and course must usually
- 28 be repeated. Only with extenuating circumstances can a student graduate with an F
- 29 or NP on the permanent record. The major professor must make a written request to
- 30 the Dean of the Graduate College explaining those circumstances. An F mark in a
- 31 course taken S/F is counted in the grade point average and is equivalent to an F in a
- 32 regularly graded (A---F) course.
- 33 2. Current Policy: F – Not satisfactorily completed, not allowed on the POS, but is
- 34 included in the GPA. Typically must be repeated; only with extenuating
- 35 circumstances can a student graduate with an F or NP on the permanent record,
- 36 regardless of whether the course is used on the POS. The Dean of the Graduate



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- 1 College may consider requests from POS committees to allow graduation with an F
2 on the permanent record only if the course is not on the POS, the course is unrelated
3 to the student's scholarly discipline and thesis/dissertation topic, and the cumulative
4 GPA is 3.0 or higher. An F mark in a course taken S--- F is counted in the grade
5 point average and is equivalent to an F in a regularly graded (A---F) course.
- 6 h. Inclusion Workshop – campus climate survey data indicates that students may not feel
7 secure or encouraged for success. Do students know the process for addressing
8 concerns? From the seven departments that participated in the Inclusion Workshop,
9 three have had or will have department workshops. Graduate students may be having
10 separate meetings. There will be scheduled harassment training sessions for faculty and
11 staff, as well as some for graduate students.
- 12 i. On---Campus food Sales – student groups are once again able to sell food with the
13 proper precautions.
- 14 j. GSB
- 15 1. ISU will host the next Big 12 Governors Conference
- 16 2. GSB elections are coming up. The President and Vice---President candidates will
17 speak at our next Senate.
- 18 k. Memorial Union
- 19 1. February 10 – March 10 MU will celebrate its 85th birthday. There will be
20 historical photos around MU.
- 21 2. Lecture capture system – permanent installation in ballrooms + 2 portable units for
22 any rooms; system will not be live streaming, but will have recordings to be put
23 online
- 24 l. ISU Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is hosting its forum this Tuesday,
25 January 28th, from 3:30pm to 5pm in the State Gym. At this forum, SHAC will share
26 updates about services and current news. Also it is an opportunity for you to
27 communicate needs and concerns about Student health. Anyone is interested?
- 28 m. Academic Communication Program
- 29 1. <http://acp.grad-college.iastate.edu/>
- 30 2. Input on the website
- 31 n. Bridge funding – the details of this program have not been set yet. If interested, please
32 ask your major professor to talk to your DOGE. I will keep you posted as more
33 information becomes available.
- 34 o. Exec elections are in two months. Please consider to self-nominate or nominate
35 someone for an executive position.



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- 1 p. Senator Elections – please encourage your department/program to elect senators in
- 2 April and invite new Senators to attend the April Senate meeting with you. This will
- 3 help new Senators to get more familiar with GPSS and have a smoother transition.
- 4 q. English Placement test data (see slides)
- 5 r. Upcoming Events/Meetings
- 6 1. Panel Discussion: How to prepare for and succeed at academic interviews?
- 7 1. Thursday, February 20th, 11:30am – 1pm.
- 8 2. Students need to register on Facebook
- 9 ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Tlach
- 10 a. Rules committee to decide on the 1 bill and 2 resolutions for January 2014
- 11 b. Need volunteers for amending constitution
- 12 c. GPSS Unofficial Senator social hour held at Welch Ave Station: Thursday January 30
- 13 at 7:00 PM.
- 14 iii. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
- 15 a. Problems with non---response grid identified with unused clickers. Henceforth unused
- 16 clickers will not be brought to the Senate meetings.
- 17 b. Henceforth responsibility of taking meeting notes will be shared among all Execs and
- 18 will not be an exclusive responsibility of the CIO. This is to enable CIO to handle the
- 19 clickers and the presentation.
- 20 c. The following flyer was updated: http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/images/GPSS_Flyer.pdf
- 21 Please use it to popularize GPSS
- 22 iv. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
- 23 a. Allocations: Senate should have received an email from me advertising Spring 2014
- 24 Allocations. We have \$25,391 (including remainder from Fall 2013) of eligible funds to
- 25 disperse to qualifying organizations. Please let your constituents know about this
- 26 important source of club funding! Due Date is Friday, February 28th.
- 27 b. Allocation Revisions: Nothing proposed as of yet. Please submit any recommendations
- 28 you may have to the current allocation guidelines.
- 29 c. GPSS/GSB Student Fees ratio discussion: First meeting is unscheduled, but will be
- 30 soon. This will be a frequent discussion occurring every other week until consensus
- 31 statement/position is reached between the two organizations.
- 32 d. Finances/Budget – See attached budget. Fall 2013 Student Activity Fee distribution was
- 33 substantially less than we budgeted for. We will be dipping heavily from our surplus
- 34 account to make ends meet. As of now we are projected to end FY2014 with a surplus
- 35 of ~\$5,000 (started FY2014 with a surplus of ~\$19,000).
- 36 e. FY2015 Budget – Will be presenting a new budget for FY2015.
- 37 f. Please email me if you have any questions/concerns (GPSS_Treasurer@iastate.edu)



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- 1 v. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Kleinheksel
- 2 a. Committee appointments are still open, particularly for appointments requiring GPSS
- 3 senators. Please consider the following opportunities:
- 4 1. University Affairs Committee
- 5 [\(\[http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page_id=357\]\(http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page_id=357\)\)](http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page_id=357)
- 6 2. University Committee on Disabilities
- 7 [\(<http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=31>\)](http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=31)
- 8 vi. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
- 9 a. Spring funding still available; please let your constituents know that they can apply.
- 10 b. 7 NEW nominations were received 4 were forwarded to the Graduate College for final
- 11 review
- 12 c. Review of peer teaching and research awards
- 13 6. Old Business [NONE]
- 14 7. New Business
- 15 i. Senate Bill S14-01 Modification of Peer Teaching and Peer Research Awards
- 16 a. Bill read by substitute representing Senator Zenko
- 17 b. Senator Hollis – How many PAGs does this award?
- 18 c. PAG Chair Diddi – 20.
- 19 d. Senator Helmich – How many original awards would this funding allocate?
- 20 e. PAG Chair Diddi – 20.
- 21 f. Senator Anderson – How are printing costs covered?
- 22 g. PAG Chair Diddi – Comes from office expenses
- 23 h. VOTE:
- 24 1. YES : 42
- 25 2. NO : 10
- 26 3. ABSTAIN : 6
- 27 4. PASSED
- 28 ii. Senate Resolution S14-02 Preservation of the Wakonse Graduate and Professional Student
- 29 Fellowship
- 30 a. Read by Senator Zenko
- 31 b. Senator Lois – GPSS has PAGs, Wakonse gets \$700 of other graduate students money.
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- 33 c. Supporters of the bill need to identify why Wakonse deserves 5x as much money as
- 34 PAGs.
- 35 d. Wakonse is a special carve out for something that should be funded through PAGs.
- 36 e. Wakonse has its benefits, but the primary purpose is for one person to add to resume
- 37 and point it out to potential employers on other student's dime.



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- 1 f. Senator Rakitan: Do departments contribute to this beyond what GPSS contributes?
- 2 g. Senator Pritchard: No
- 3 h. Senator Helmich: Directly falls under the realm of professional advancement and
- 4 should be spent as such.
- 5 i. President Prisacari: Wakonse different from standard conference, for those interested in
- 6 teaching, does not fall under the realm of PAGs.
- 7 j. Vice President Tlach: Does this fall under PAG jurisdiction?
- 8 k. PAG Chair Diddi: Yes, but we have been funding Wakonse independently since 1999,
- 9 would like to
- 10 l. Senator Zenko: One of the differences between Wakonse and PAGs, PAGs for
- 11 individual growth and development while wakonse benefits everyone, there is a
- 12 fundamental difference in the benefits derived from wakonse.
- 13 m. Senator Herschberger: Conference anyone can go to, competitive, PAG committee was
- 14 discussing increasing dollar total?
- 15 n. Senator Helmich: Wakonse we want to specially allot funding for people to become
- 16 better teachers vs. allotting funding for people who want to advance in other fields.
- 17 o. Senator Anderson: Not necessarily a personal benefit due to nature of application
- 18 (requires one year remaining in your education) so students of Wakonse attendee
- 19 benefit as well.
- 20 p. Senator Ramezani: Better to have this money coming out of PAGs
- 21 q. Senator Pritchard – philosophical decision. Think of it as an opportunity cost. If we
- 22 decide not to invest in the bill we decide not to invest in the teachers of tomorrow.
- 23 r. Senator Hollis: PAG and Wakonse both serve the public good of the university.
- 24 s. Senator Helmich: PAGs also benefit the university as a whole due to exposure for the
- 25 university through presentation at conferences.
- 26 t. Senator Santos: Too easy to get funding for PAGs, first come first serve. Wants to
- 27 know how competitive Wakonse is, in its current state it is not competitive. Perhaps in
- 28 funding Wakonse we're sending our most competitive students for development.
- 29 u. Senator Rakitan: We can't overlook that there is positive external benefit. We need a
- 30 measure of candidate willingness to pay to go to this conference. Want to see good
- 31 researchers who can also teach coming out of Iowa State. As a way to promote Iowa
- 32 State, this has its benefits, but as to whether or not to fully fund those students warrants
- 33 discussion.
- 34 v. PAG Chair Diddi: GPSS is more than about funding PAGs,
- 35 w. President Prisacari: Don't compare which brings more benefits to Iowa State overall.
- 36 PAG is more research oriented, Wakonse is more teaching focused. Wakonse brings a
- 37 lot back to campus, attendees provide sessions for TAs to help develop their teaching
- 38 skills. CELT known outside the university. CELT cannot operate without student input,
- 39 students going out and bringing outside knowledge and information back to ISU.
- 40 x. VOTE:
- 41 1. YES : 33
- 42 2. NO : 20



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- 1 3. ABSTAIN : 5
- 2 4. PASSED
- 3 iii. Senate Resolution S14-03 Proposal for a Career Fair for Graduate and Professional
- 4 Students
- 5 a. Read by Senator Singh
- 6 b. CIO Mukherjee: Negative response to current Career fair geared towards
- 7 undergraduates. Graduate career fairs common across multiple universities. This is not
- 8 something novel and something that should be implemented to improve the graduate
- 9 experience at ISU.
- 10 c. Senator Singh: listed examples of schools with career fairs.
- 11 1. University of California, Berkley
- 12 2. Purdue University
- 13 3. North Carolina State University
- 14 4. Stanford University
- 15 5. University of California, San Diego
- 16 6. University of Kansas
- 17 d. Senator Singh: Proposes friendly amendment -- “Sponsored by university Provost
- 18 Office”
- 19 e. Senator Rakitan: Has anyone estimated the efficacy of such career fairs at other
- 20 universities?
- 21 f. CIO Mukherjee: We do not have such information – but if happening repeatedly at
- 22 other universities It must be having an effect.
- 23 g. Senator Rakitan: How long have these fairs been around?
- 24 h. Senator Singh: No information
- 25 i. Senator Lawana – friendly suggestion, who would be interested in holding a graduate
- 26 career fair?
- 27 j. Show of hands – majority
- 28 k. Vice President Tlach: we can now tell grad college that students want this
- 29 l. Senator Anderson, C.: Student services building has career counseling. Want me to
- 30 ask them about career fair, its feasibility?
- 31 m. Senator Magtoto: will this require funding requirement from GPSS?
- 32 n. CIO Mukherjee: No. Generally career fairs funded by provost office. This resolution is
- 33 to have student body back up to say students want this.
- 34 o. Senator Ramezani: Purdue Universities organize this for over 7 years.
- 35 p. President Prisacari: Ask constituents how they currently seek employment?
- 36 Conferences, other events? What is the gap that we can fill with this event?
- 37 q. Senator Santos: Way to think about how to do this career fair? Not just companies,
- 38 university representatives wanted as well.
- 39 r. CIO Mukherjee: that should be included
- 40 s. Senator Anderson, A: motion to table it till next month
- 41 t. CIO Mukherjee: resolution, can’t be tabled?



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- 1 u. Vice President Tlach: Postpone the vote
- 2 v. Senator Anderson, A: move to next meeting, gather more data, then hold the vote
- 3 w. Vice President Tlach: motion on the floor to postpone vote till next meeting, who
- 4 seconds?
- 5 x. No one seconded the motion.
- 6 y. Vice President Tlach: Since motion was not seconded the Senate will vote on the bill
- 7 z. VOTE:
- 8 1. YES : 55
- 9 2. NO : 0
- 10 3. ABSTAIN : 2
- 11 4. PASSED
- 12 8. Announcements
- 13 i. GPSS Research Conference (Senator Zenko)
- 14 a. Request to encourage all students to submit abstract.
- 15 b. Abstracts submitted – 12, only one 3-minute thesis submission, out of 12, 7 people have
- 16 already publicly presented data before – double dipping. Need more abstracts
- 17 submitted, need high quality abstracts submitted.
- 18 ii. President Prisacari:
- 19 a. Consider going to seminar for major, invite everyone to submit work.
- 20 b. Sending an email for Feb 20th panel discussion. Event page on Facebook, register there.
- 21 How to Prepare and Succeed at Academic Interviews.
- 22 9. Adjournment @ 10:05 pm
- 23 10. Voting Record
- 24 i. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/13-14/January/Vote/Question.html>
- 25 ii. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/13-14/January/Vote/Participant.html>
- 26 Some of the clickers in the above link do not mention the Department / Program.
- 27 The list below describes that list:
- 28 5F3130 - Plant Biology (Interdepartmental)
- 29 5F31A0 - Agronomy 3
- 30 5F320E - Psychology
- 31 5F320C - Mathematics 1
- 32 5F2B05 - Food Science and Human Nutrition
- 33 5F2B08 - History
- 34 5F2C0D - Apparel, Events Hospitality Mgmt.
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SENATE BILL S14-04

SENATE MEETING February 24, 2014

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TITLE: Consolidation and Reform of PAG Policies.

WHEREAS: At present there is no single document containing all of the PAG policies and procedures, and

WHEREAS: At present PAGs are awarded on a first come first served basis and

WHEREAS: This leaves students with conferences late in the semester with little chance of receiving a PAG, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the attached document shall be the official governing document for the administration of PAGs, be it further

ENACTED: That further changes to PAG procedures and policies shall be written as amendments to the attached document, be it further

ENACTED: That the attached document shall go into effect on July 1, 2014, be it further

ENACTED: That the attached document be posted on the GPSS website with the caption: "New PAG policies effective July 1."

Sponsors:

Lois B.

Anna Prisacari, President

Brian Tlach, Chair of the Senate



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1 **Professional Advancement Grant Policies and Procedures**

2 **I. Purpose**

3 Funds for Professional Advancement Grants (PAGs) are provided to graduate and
4 professional students by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) to help
5 defray travel expenses related to professional meetings and conferences.

6 **II. Monthly Cycle**

- 7 a. PAGs shall be awarded on a monthly cycle.
- 8 b. The total amount of funds budgeted for PAGs for the fiscal year shall be divided equally
9 among the twelve months.
- 10 c. The month in which a conference occurs shall be determined by the first day on which the
11 conference occurs regardless of when travel takes place.
- 12 d. PAG applications are due at midnight on the 15th of the month prior to the month in
13 which the first day of the conference occurs. For example if a conference takes place
14 February 28 through March 1, the PAG application is due January 15th.
- 15 e. If in a given month there is unspent money, the extra money will be distributed to the
16 immediately preceding months in increments of \$200 until all is distributed. For example
17 if in September there is \$500 left over, October and November receive \$200, and
18 December receives \$100.

19 **III. Awarding PAGs by Lottery**

20 After the 15th and before the 20th of each month, the PAG committee shall determine
21 which applications to fund by conducting a lottery. This lottery shall be conducted using
22 RANDOM.ORG. The PAG chair and at least 1 additional member of the PAG committee or
23 executive board must be present. (Instructions on how to use RANDOM.ORG can be found
24 in the appendix.)

25 Each PAG application shall receive a priority number for the lottery. Anyone who has not
26 previously received a PAG will have priority 1. Anyone who has previously received exactly
27 one PAG will have priority 2. Anyone who has previously received 2 PAGs will have priority
28 3. In general someone who has previously received n PAGs shall have priority $n+1$.
29 Anyone who has already received a PAG during the current fiscal year shall be ineligible
30 for a second PAG in the same fiscal year.

31 If the available funds for the month are insufficient to fund every application with priority
32 1, then an equal chance drawing shall be conducted among the applications that have
33 priority 1 to determine which are funded. If the available funds are sufficient to fund all of
34 the priority 1 applications but not all of the priority 2 applications, then an equal chance
35 drawing shall be conducted among the applications with priority 2. In general, if n is the



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1 smallest number such that there are not enough funds in the given month to fund all
2 applications with priority less than or equal to n , then all applications with priority strictly
3 less than n are funded, and a lottery is conducted among the applications with priority n .

4 **IV. Eligibility**

5 a. Student Eligibility

- 6 1. In order to receive a PAG, the applicant must be a graduate or professional student at
7 Iowa State University (ISU).
- 8 2. The applicant must not have already received a PAG during the current fiscal year
9 which starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following calendar year.
- 10 3. The applicant must be registered for the Fall Semester to receive funding for a trip
11 which occurs in August through December.
- 12 4. The applicant must be registered for the Spring Semester to receive funding for a trip
13 which occurs in January through May.
- 14 5. The applicant must be registered for the Summer Semester or previous Spring
15 Semester and not have graduated that spring to receive funding for a trip which occurs
16 during June or July.

17 b. Trip Eligibility

- 18 1. Applicants may receive funding to attend a professional meeting, defined as a
19 gathering of an organized society of professionals for the purpose of presenting
20 research.
- 21 2. Applicants may receive funding to attend a professional workshop that provides
22 experience not available at ISU.
- 23 3. Applicants will not receive funding for required academic activities defined as a class
24 or club recognized by the University, or any course, workshop, class, or other event
25 required for fulfillment of a student's degree requirements or Program of Study.

26 **V. Amount of Support**

27 The amount of a PAG shall be \$200.

28 **VI. Application**

29 a. A complete application will consist of the following:

- 30 1. A completed application form signed by the applicant's Major Professor or Advisor or
31 department Director of Graduate Education.
- 32 2. If the Major Professor or Adviser is not available, the applicant may attach a
33 registration confirmation from the conference.

34 b. The Graduate College maintains the account for PAGs.

35 c. Application forms and instructions are maintained on the GPSS website.



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- 1 d. The applicant must meet all the eligibility requirements, including registration at ISU as
- 2 appropriate, before his or her application will be processed.
- 3 e. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for funding.
- 4 f. Provided all required information is present, no one shall be denied a PAG because he
- 5 used an incorrect form.

6 **VII. Reimbursement**

- 7 a. The applicant should contact his or her department for information on the reimbursement
- 8 process.
- 9 b. Dispersal of funds will conform to ISU policies.
- 10 c. Reimbursements must be completed within 1 month from the last date of travel.
- 11 d. Reimbursements will only be approved for actual expenses incurred.
- 12 e. All lodging receipts and all receipts for items \$75 or greater must be retained in the
- 13 traveler's academic department. The Graduate College will not be responsible for the
- 14 retention of traveler's receipts.
- 15 f. It is the applicant's responsibility to approve travel reimbursement through AccessPlus
- 16 prior to the 1-month deadline.

17 **VIII. Cancellation**

- 18 a. If a student is funded to attend a conference and does not attend, the student must notify
- 19 the Graduate College in writing to cancel their PAG for that conference no later than 2
- 20 weeks after the conference.
- 21 b. Students who do not follow the procedure to cancel will not qualify for an additional grant
- 22 within the same fiscal year.
- 23 c. Funds awarded for travel to one conference cannot be transferred to a different
- 24 conference.

25 **IX. Appendix**

26 First number the PAG applications in the lottery from 1 to m . From the RANDOM.ORG
27 homepage, click on "Random Integer Set Generator." In the box for the number of unique
28 random integers, type the number of available PAGs. In the boxes for the range of values,
29 type 1 and the number of applications (m). Then click "Get Sets." The numbers in the set
30 are the numbers of PAG applications that get funded.



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True Random Number Service

Do you own an iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch? [Check out our new app!](#) Android version coming soon.

Random Integer Set Generator

This form allows you to generate random sets of integers. The randomness comes from atmospheric noise, which for many purposes is better than the pseudo-random number algorithms typically used in computer programs.

Step 1: The Sets

Generate set(s) with unique random integer(s) in each.

Number of available PAGs goes here

Each integer should have a value between and (both inclusive; limits $\pm 1,000,000,000$).

The total number of integers must be no greater than 10,000.

Number of applications goes here

Step 2: Display Options

Each set will be printed on a separate line. You can choose from the following extra options:

- Number the sets sequentially
- Use commas to separate the set members
- Sort the members of each set in ascending order

You can select the order in which the sets are printed:

Print the sets in the order they were generated

Order the sets by the values that occur in them (in this case, you should also consider sorting the members of each set)

Print the sets in random order

Step 3: Go!

Be patient! It may take a little while to generate your sets...



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SENATE BILL S14-05

SENATE MEETING February 24, 2014

TITLE: Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2015

WHEREAS: The GPSS’s financial transactions from fiscal year 2013 have been reviewed by the GPSS Financial Committee, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS Finance Committee has developed a budget for fiscal year (FY) 2015 based on financial projections received, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS Executive Council has also reviewed a proposed budget for FY2015, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the appended budget be adopted as the official GPSS budget for FY2015 (July 01, 2014 – June 30, 2015), let it be further

ENACTED: That \$1500 from the line item “GPSS Graduate Conference” be moved into Social (Spring) if, by the October 2014 GPSS meeting, the planning and details of the GPSS Graduate Conference have not been determined.

Sponsors:

GOSWAMI, R. HOLLIS, C. RAKITAN, T.

APPENDIX A: GPSS Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – without surplus added to special allocations

APPENDIX B: GPSS Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – with surplus added to special allocation

Anna Prisacari, President

Brian Tlach, Chair of the Senate



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1 **APPENDIX A: GPSS Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – without surplus added to special**
 2 **allocations**

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SURPLUS NOT ADDED TO SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS

GPSS Proposed Budget FY2015

<u>Income</u>	<u>Proposed FY2015</u>
Student Activity Fee	142,000
Vending	7,000
Donation	-
Total Projected Income	149,000

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Proposed FY 2014</u>
PAG	96,400
Summer II 2014	11,400
Fall 2014	36,800
Spring 2015	36,800
Summer 2015	11,400
Allocation (Regular)	28,000
Fall 2014	14,000
Spring 2015	14,000
Teaching/Research Award	-
Economic Scholarship	14,600
Wakone	1,000
Special Allocation	1,000
Office/Communication	1,000
Social (Fall)	1,500
Social (Spring)	-
Speaker/programming	1,500
GPSS Graduate Conference	4,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	149,000

Reserve Account *	\$ 45,000.76
Surplus	5,219.00
*Reserve amount as of 7/1/2014	7/1/2014

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1 **APPENDIX B: GPSS Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 – with surplus added to special allocation**
 2 **SURPLUS ADDED TO SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS**
 3 **GPSS Proposed Budget for FY2015**
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Income	FY2015
SAF	142,000
Vending	7,000
Total Projected Income	\$149,000

Expenditure	Proposed FY 2015
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Summer II 2014	11,400
Fall 2014	36,800
Spring 2015	36,800
Summer I 2015	11,400
Allocation (Regular)	28,000
Fall 2014	14,000
Spring 2015	14,000
Teaching/Research Award	-
Economic Scholarship	14,600
Wakone	1,000
Special Allocation	6,219
New budget	1,000
Surplus [†]	5,219
Office/Communication	1,000
Social (Fall)	1,500
Social (Spring)	-
Speaker/Programming	1,500
GPSS Graduate Conference	4,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	154,219

Reserve Account *	\$ 45,000.76
Surplus	\$ 5,219.00
*Reserve amount as at 7/1/2013	7/1/2014

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