



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM
  - i. Roll Call
  - ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
  - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes
  - iv. Amendments to the agenda
- II. Open Forum
  - i. Dr. Keith Robinder, Associate Dean of Students
  - ii. Dr. Martino Harmon, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
- III. Senate Forum
  - i. GPSRC Budget Presentation
- IV. Introduction of New Bills
  - i. SB-S15-05: Making the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) a regular member of National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)
  - ii. SB-S15-08: The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair Scholarship
  - iii. SB-S15-09: Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award, Eligibility, and Review Criteria
  - iv. SB-S15-10: Revision to GPSS's Leadership Award Certificates
  - v. SB-S15-11: Spring 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
  - vi. SR-S15-01: Senate Support of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference
- V. Remarks and Reports
  - i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
  - ii. Report of the Vice President – Vice President Zachary Zenko
  - iii. Report of the Treasurer – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan
  - iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer – CIO Sneha Singh
  - v. Report of the URLA Chair– URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami
  - vi. Report of the PAG Chair Committee – PAG Chair Cory Kleinheksel
  - vii. Report of the GPSRC Chair – Not Yet Applicable
  - viii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large



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- VI. Unfinished Business
    - i. SB-S15-02: Revising the GPSS Constitution (2<sup>nd</sup> read)
  - VII. New Business
    - i. SB-S15-05: Making the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) a regular member of National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)
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    - v. SB-S15-11: Spring 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
    - vi. SR-S15-01: Senate Support of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference
    - vii. Executive Council Elections
      - i. President
      - ii. Vice President
      - iii. Treasurer
      - iv. Chief Information Officer
      - v. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
      - vi. Professional Advancement Grant Chair
      - vii. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
  - VIII. Announcements
  - IX. Adjournment
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### Meeting Notes

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

7:02 Called to order

7:03 Quorum (barely) met

7:04 UC approve January minutes

7:07 Add Policy Library, Library Dean search, Finance Committee to senate forum

7:08 UC approve move Open Forum first

7:09 Remove Senate Bill S15-05 from agenda

7:09 Roberta Johnson - Director of student financial aid

- New student loan education office

- Other slides attached

- Cost of attendance \$9,172 / \$22,096

- loan rates currently 6.21%, interest does accrue

- Interested in being the advisor to GPSS - Benefit to Graduate students is having a direct report to administration and many years of experience at the university

7:19 GSB President Candidates Dan and Amanda

- Dan - Junior in Business and GSB Vice Speaker - Campaign "No BS" - we have many projects for students and focus on student issues - we do have ideas - We enjoyed Veishea in the past and want to bring it back even bigger - Campus is over crowded - Panda and Subway lines are too long in the MU - I want to see what students want and I want to do something about it - Add outlets to the tables in the library - All student orgs are created equal - Worked with IRHA to rewrite den housing policies - You name an issue, we have thought it already - We have a survey to discover student issues and priorities - Bike Share has no opinions on it

- Amanda is working with transportation committee to determine the best route forward for the Bike Share and are involving students through comments and on professional experiences.

7:28

- Amanda - Add/Drop fees, make the process easier online and remove the fee - Recycling throughout Ames and ISU, including helping Ames with their current program - Can collection spots at the Tailgate lots for student org funding - Veishea priority is safety and making it honor the university, move to the fall - Closer communication with student organization presidents, e.g. GPSS's GPSRC.

7:31

- Amanda - Met with registrar to make sure their plan was implementable. Cost cut to students. Move everything online. Also includes transcripts for life at no cost. Minimize the fees too

7:34

- Amanda - Combine GSB funding accounts to maximize funding available to student organizations. More students enable more funds for more groups



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- Dan - If students aren't getting the funding they need, then we will work to get the funds they need and deserve. I won't use GSB funds to fund my projects.
- Dan - Open to discuss the GSB / GPSS funding split
- Dan - Dr. Hill has a committee to help student orgs to host a spring event during the traditional VEISHEA time frame. VEISHEA being a celebration of the university. This will happen even if not the President.
- Amanda - Worried that without VEISHEA too long then may lose the knowledge and experience that had formed VEISHEA in the past. April has concerns with safety, so a survey of events going on led us to the fall where fewer events were happening and could be more of a student showcase

7:41

- Amanda - CyRide has done so much to improve their system and we support CyRide as much as possible. Don't want to cut CyRide services. Almost all graduate students are off campus that CyRide is very important. We are part of the Ames community.
- Dan - Talk with the City of Ames so that students are aware of housing opportunities. More communication of what is available will bring prices down. All for working for something including encouraging developers to build more apartments. CyRide is important to Ames. Efficiency is a priority. Deal with what we already have to meet our needs. Both issues I want to work on.

March 3 and 4 [vote.iastate.edu](http://vote.iastate.edu)

7:47

- SO S15-01 installing Roberta Johnson as advisor
- SB S15-01 Conduct a spring social and allocate the budget
- SB S15-02 Revise the GPSS Constitution
- SB S15-03 Revise the GPSS By-Laws
- SB S15-04 Revise the GPSS Standing Rules
- SB S15-06 Increase regular allocation amount per student org
- SB S15-07 Finance budget for next year

7:52 Senate forum

- Inya Nienanya - Drones on campus policy in the development stages - Comfort animals on campus in the development stages - Video cameras in public spaces on campus and creating a unified policy across all campus - These are drafts available for public comments
- Senator Agrawal - Drones policy would hamper research and more restrictive than the FAA policies
- Inya - There may be exemptions made for research, but student hobbyists may just have to avoid ISU campus



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- Senator Nakayama - knows students that benefit from comfort animals. What restrictions are being put in place?
- Inya - Establish a guideline on animals and protect other students too

8:01

- Senator Anderson - Library Dean candidates are visiting! Attend their open forums and provide feedback. Catered lunch meetings too, sign-up sheet being passed around.
- Slides attached

8:03

- Finance Committee - Guidelines establish what can be funded and not. Want to make it a governing document of GPSS. Currently ask for budget and expense reports. Propose eliminating the tracking of expenses and receipts and replace with a public calendar of Graduate / Professional events. Organizations must post their event to our calendar for a self auditing measure. Want to raise the amount to \$1000. Food can now be used for socials and up to \$400. Public comments meeting in March.
- President - Please work with the Finance committee to help make our student organizations more powerful! This will have a great impact on students especially in ways that the student organization is better able to do than GPSS is able to directly do.

8:14 Exec reports

- See attached

8:28 Exec nominations

- Vice president accepts nomination for president
- Treasurer accepts nomination for Treasurer
- Senator Chung accepts nomination for CIO
- PAG Chair accepts nomination to Vice-President and CIO

8:50 New Business

SO S15-01 Roberta Johnson as the GPSS Advisor

Motion to consider as read, UC

Passes

SB S15-01 Funding the GPSS Spring Social, \$1230 from surplus

Funds not available from the GPSRC budget

Why \$1230? Perfect Games estimate to serve 150 students pizza, soda, and bowling. Planned for a day not conflicting with any GPSRC speakers

Pizza social at Mother's Pub in February was allocated from a different funding source



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GPSRC budget originally was planned to fund the social, but they forgot to plan for it. Spring Social now needs to be funded separately.

GPSRC budget is not available and will be provided in the future.

This bill is not to overspend on the conference, this is just a budget issue where money from colleges has not been deposited yet and unable to commit money to the social planning at this time.

This would leave about \$3900 remaining in Surplus

Called to Question

Passes

### SB S15-02 Revising the Constitution

Friendly amendments

Changes

- Senators must represent their own department or program
- Added GPSRC chair executive council member
- Each senator must serve one office hour per month
- President must serve on the Grad College Council
- URLA must serve on the Student Affairs RMM advisory committee
- Establish a social committee chaired by the VP
- Merged Elections and Operations committees

Amendment to add income and expense reporting responsibilities to GPSRC Chair

Passed

How would Exec's monitor Senator's attending their own office hours? It would be difficult or impossible to monitor.

Propose that the future GPSRC chair be funded out of the GPSRC budget

Called to Question

Passed

### SB S15-03 Revising the ByLaws

Changes

- Merged Elections and Operations committees
- Modified the meeting order and reports
- Making the Allocation policies a governing document of GPSS
- Elaborate / clarified how to conduct GPSS Elections

Called to Question

Passed

### SB S15-04 Revising the Standing Rules

Changes



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- Meeting moved earlier to 6:30pm from 7pm
- Bills due 12 days in advance rather than 10

Maybe 30 minutes earlier could help people

Called to Question

Passed

SB S15-06 Increase regular allocations to \$1000

Will this allow for fewer to be funded more at the detriment of funding fewer groups? It is a constraint, but data supports that no student groups will be denied.

Maybe this shouldn't occur in the middle of the year?

Maybe this shouldn't be increased so much so quickly, maybe \$900 would be safer?

Amendment to \$900 fails to be seconded

Called to Question

Passed

SB S15-07 Next year's budget

Friendly amendments

Increases

- PAG
- Allocations
- Socials
- Speakers
- Special Allocation increase (if the new exec position is created)

Called to Question

Passed

10:43 Motion to Adjourn, UC

10:43 Attendance

Voting Results:

1. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/February/Vote/Results%20by%20Participant.html>
  2. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/February/Vote/Results%20by%20Question.html>
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**SENATE BILL S15-02**

**SENATE MEETING February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**TITLE:** Revising the GPSS Constitution

**WHEREAS:** The Constitution is a fundamental governing document, and

**WHEREAS:** Updates are needed to be consistent with both Senate practice and Senate efficiency, and

**WHEREAS:** The duties and scope of the GPSS are expanding, and

**WHEREAS:** A revised Constitution is necessary to guide the future Senate, and

**WHEREAS:** Amendments to the Constitution must be voted on twice, and the votes must be at separate meetings, be it therefore

**ENACTED:** The GPSS Constitution be amended as attached.

Sponsors:

Anna Prisacari

Ardhendu Tripathy

Armando Figueroa





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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President

Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE CONSTITUTION

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of Iowa State University is an elected body through which graduate and professional students express their concern for the welfare of graduate and professional students at the University, develop and disseminate ideas for the improvement of graduate and professional education, and contribute to the formation of relevant University policy. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is the representative, deliberative, and administrative organization of the graduate and professional student body of Iowa State University, and is a duly constituted independent collegiate organization within the University.

### ARTICLE I. THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

1. Representation. Each graduate department, interdepartmental and professional program may elect one Senator for each fraction of one-hundred (100) graduate or professional students enrolled with a maximum of four (4) Senators per department, where enrollment in a department, interdepartmental and professional program major is defined in <http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/enrollment/statsmajor>.
2. Eligibility. Any student enrolled at least halftime (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) in a graduate department, interdepartmental, or professional program at Iowa State University may be elected as a Senator. Senators must represent his or her own graduate department, interdepartmental, or professional program, with the exception of Senators-at-large. Each graduate/professional program may create more restrictive rules for electing Senators if they choose. Iowa State University and the GPSS do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, physical or mental disability, or status as a U.S. veteran.
3. Definitions
  - i. Senators. A Senator is an elected representative registered in good standing with the Graduate College or any of the professional colleges within the University. Each Senator will have one vote in the Senate.



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- ii. Senators-at-large. The following positions carry the status of Senator-at-large. Status as a Senator-at-large shall not count against a departmental quota (ARTICLE 1, section 1, representation), and is not subject to departmental election procedures as otherwise defined in the By-laws or the Standing Rules.
    - a. Officers of the Senate. The Officers of the Senate shall represent the Senate as a whole and shall not carry a vote.
    - b. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall represent the Senate as a whole. The Vice-President shall only vote in the occurrence of a tie.
    - c. Graduate GSB Senators. They shall represent the graduate student body as a whole. They shall also act as a liaison between GSB and GPSS to facilitate efficient and productive legislation by the two bodies and to strengthen representation of student concerns to administration. GSB Senators who represent the Graduate College shall be elected to GSB by the graduate student body or, in the case of a vacancy or special circumstances, appointed to GSB by GPSS as defined in the GSB Constitution and By-laws. Each graduate GSB senator will have one vote in the Senate.
4. Terms. Members of the Senate are elected by graduate or professional students for one year terms that begin in August or January and may be re-elected for as long as they continue to be in good standing with the Graduate College or College of Veterinary Medicine.
5. Officers. The officers of the Senate are the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Chief Information Officer, University Relations and Legislative Affairs (URLA) Chair, Professional Advancement Grant (PAG) Chair, and the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair. Henceforth, this order shall be known as the order of seniority.
6. Sessions. A scheduled meeting of the seated Senate
  - i. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate meets once per month during the fall and spring semesters, except in the months of December and May. Summer sessions may be held at the discretion of the Executive Council for seated Senators who are present at Iowa State University.



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- ii. The Vice-President shall call additional sessions as directed by the Senate or a written petition of 30% of the Senate.

### 7. Powers and Duties.

- i. The Senate may discuss and take a position on any subject of concern to the graduate and professional student body. The Senate may discuss and make policies within its jurisdiction. The Senate may also allocate funds by Senate Bill or through an approved budget. Allocation of funds shall never exceed the actual funds possessed by the Senate.
- ii. Issues must be referred to a vote of the graduate and professional student body upon receipt of a petition of two percent (2%) of the graduate and professional student body (as determined by the Office of the Registrar), or may be referred by the Senate. The vote shall be through a process approved by the Senate and the voting process shall be open for not less than one regular class day (9am to 5pm).
- iii. The Senate may call general meetings of the graduate and professional student body.
- iv. The Senate is the judge of its membership.
- v. The existence of the Senate shall not preclude other means of communication between the graduate or professional student and the University.
- vi. Each Senator holds at least one office hour per month to be available for constituents.

### ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Membership. The Executive Council consists of the Senate officers.
2. The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be defined and be limited to:
  - i. President:
    - a. Preside over the GPSS Executive Council meetings.
    - b. Set agenda for GPSS Executive Council meetings.
    - c. Preside over any general meetings of the graduate and professional student body.
    - d. Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.
    - e. Attend annual President's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.



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- f. Assume risk management officer responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced by the organization.
    1. The role of risk management officer is [a] to recommend risk management policies or procedures to the GPSS, [b] to submit documentation to ISU's risk management office and [c] to ensure that risk management procedures are implemented at all the organization's events.
  - g. Shall be seated on the Special Student Fee and Tuition Committee and the Memorial Union Board of Directors.
  - h. Represent GPSS in the Graduate Council.
  - i. Such other responsibilities as authorized by the Senate. Authorization may be reviewed by the Senate as necessary.
- ii. Vice President:
- a. Assume the responsibility of the President in the case of the President's absence.
  - b. Preside over sessions of the Senate or designate the chair with the approval of the Senate.
  - c. Conduct the Senate sessions according to the rules of procedure set by the Rules Committee.
  - d. Determine whether or not a quorum is present.
  - e. Chair the Rules Committee.
  - f. Reserve monthly meeting venue through university's room reservation request.
  - g. Invite and schedule Open Forum speakers for Senate meetings.
  - h. Set the agenda including speakers, bills, reports of the Executive Council, and announcements for the GPSS meetings and send to Senators at least seven days prior to the Senate meeting.
  - i. Organize fall graduate orientation, fall social, and spring social.
- iii. Treasurer:
- a. Collect, keep a record of, and arrange for the safekeeping of such monies as the Senate may obtain.
  - b. Disburse such monies as the Senate approves through a Senate Bill unless other procedures are outlined in the By-laws or Senate Bill.
  - c. Report to the Senate for approval at all regular sessions, all income and expenses and maintain records of all transactions.
  - d. Maintain financial records for inspection at any time by members of the Senate.
  - e. Attend annual Treasurer's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.
  - f. Chair the Finance Committee.
  - g. Shall be seated on the Special Student Fee and Tuition Committee.
- iv. Chief Information Officer:
- a. Record and file records of activities of the Senate and its agencies.
  - b. Keep a record of attendance at Senate sessions.
  - c. Handle and maintain a record of all Senate correspondence.



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- d. Conduct roll call votes.
    - e. Maintain the GPSS webpage and email listservs.
    - f. Be responsible for preparing and developing presentation for GPSS meetings and for accurate display during the GPSS meetings.
    - g. Have a functional knowledge of GPSS rules and proceedings.
    - h. Chair the Election and Operations Committee.
  - v. University Relations and Legislative Affairs (URLA) Chair:
    - a. Coordinate graduate and professional student body representation on university committees, collects feedback from those committees as well as legislative affairs.
    - b. Organize professional development activities or speaker/programming.
    - c. Record meeting notes during GPSS meetings.
    - d. Shall be seated on the Provost Budget Advisory Committee and Faculty Senate
    - e. Represent GPSS on the Resource Management Model Student Affairs Advisory Committee.
  - vi. Professional Advancement Grants (PAG) Chair:
    - a. Review and allocate professional advancement funds according to guidelines set by the Senate GPSS awards and scholarships.
    - b. Review nominations for all student awards in accordance with the guidelines of the Senate.
    - c. Review all nominations for Margaret Ellen White Faculty award and forward top nominations to the Graduate College.
  - vii. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair
    - a. Be responsible for planning and executing the GPSRC.
    - b. Chair the GPSRC Committee.
    - c. Report to the Senate for approval at all regular sessions, all income and expenses and maintain records of all transactions regarding GPSRC.
3. The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be limited and defined by Article II, Section 2 to maintain division of power. Responsibilities may be temporarily modified at the discretion and consent of the Executive Council.
4. Terms. The term of office for Executive Council members shall expire upon the adjournment of the April session. The newly elected Executive Council shall assume their responsibilities upon the adjournment of the April session.
5. Eligibility. The Executive Council members are elected by the Senate.
  - i. All current or previous members of the Senate are eligible to serve as Executive Council members. In the occurrence that no previous or current Senators are willing to serve in a vacant Executive Council position(s), the Senate may nominate a graduate or professional student(s) providing they meet the requirements to serve on the Graduate and Professional Student



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Senate. All nominees who have not served or are not currently serving on GPSS must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Senate.

- ii. Members of the Executive Council or nominees to be elected to the Executive Council must meet and maintain the following requirements throughout their term:
    - a. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 and meet that minimum cumulative GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
    - b. Be in good standing with the University and enrolled: at least half-time (six or more credit hours), unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement during their term of office.
  - iii. Executive Council members may be impeached by a written presentation of charges, in the form of a Senate Order, sponsored by a minimum of 25% of the seated Senate. A vote to recall an impeached Executive Council member from office must be approved by two-thirds of a 60% quorum Senate. Election of a new Executive Council member shall proceed through special elections procedures.
6. Meetings. The President shall call meetings of the Executive Council at the request of any member of the Council or as is necessary. These meetings will be advertised appropriately before the Council meeting. Each member of the Executive Council shall have one vote.
7. Powers and Duties.
- i. The Executive Council represents the Senate while the Senate is not in session.
  - ii. The Executive Council is responsible directly to the Senate for all its activities and decisions.
  - iii. The Executive Council may act on behalf of the Senate only on issues requiring action prior to the next Senate session and a quorum for a special Senate session cannot be attained.
  - iv. The Executive Council must report all its activities, actions and decisions to the Senate at the next Senate session.

### ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

1. Permanent Standing Committees.



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- i. Membership. Permanent standing committees consist of Senators who volunteer at either the August or January Senate meetings. Any additional members that request to become part of the committee outside of these times must be approved by the chair of the committee. Committee members may be removed at the discretion of the chair due to lack of participation.
- ii. Terms. The term of the members of the permanent standing committees shall expire upon adjournment of the April Senate Meeting.
- iii. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee prepares the budget and makes recommendations for allocations of the funds of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. The Treasurer serves as the Chair for the Finance Committee. In addition, the Finance Committee will compose bills of guidelines for regular and special allocations during the spring semester to be used for the following year.
- iv. Rules Committee. The Rules Committee prescribes all general and special rules of procedure necessary for the orderly consideration of Senate business. All questions of a procedural or legal nature are directed to the Rules Committee. The Vice President serves as the Chair of the Rules Committee.
- v. Social Committee. The Social Committee organizes all social events of the GPSS. The Vice President serves as Chair of the Social Committee.
- vi. Election and Operations Committee. The Election and Operations Committee is responsible for ensuring that all Senate positions are filled. All questions regarding GPSS membership are directed to the Elections Committee. The Chief Information Officer is the Chair of the Election and Operations Committee, which:
  - a. Supervises elections of Senators and Executive Council members.
  - b. Supervises special elections needed to fill vacancies.
  - c. Maintains a record of attendance at all Senate sessions and notifies Senators as well as their departments or professional programs of their nonattendance.
  - d. Makes policy decisions on website design and content.
  - e. Updates GPSS website and social media accounts.
  - f. Designs all publicity materials for GPSS.
  - g. Advises GPSS on processes to streamline and simplify Senate activities.
- vii. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee. Questions regarding public and university policy on graduate and professional students shall be referred to this committee. The University Relations and Legislative Affairs chair is the chair of this committee, which:
  - a. Advocates graduate and professional student concerns to local, state, and federal officials.
  - b. Monitors governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students.



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- c. Coordinates Senate actions to influence public policy on graduate and professional student concerns.
    - d. Recruits graduate and professional students to serve on University Committees.
    - e. Serves as an investigative committee for the Senate when the occasion arises.
    - f. Works closely with the Senators-at-large to GSB on issues that concern both Senates.
    - g. Serves as a liaison to the GPSS regarding Board of Regents activities.
  - viii. Professional Advancement Grant Committee. The Professional Advancement Grant Chair is the chair of this committee and will work with a representative from the Graduate College for travel awards, and form a committee to review GPSS awards and scholarships.
  - ix. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Committee. The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Committee assists the GPSRC Chair in organizing and executing the annual Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference.
2. Other Committees. The Senate may establish such other standing or ad hoc committees as its business requires.
  3. Committee Chairpersons. All committees shall have a chairperson. If a committee does not have a chairperson, the President of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate or the Senate shall appoint one.

### ARTICLE IV. ADVISER

1. The duties of the Adviser(s) shall include:
  - i. Be available to provide advice to Senators and Executive Council members.
  - ii. Act as a liaison with the University Administration and in any other situation where a non-student spokesperson is needed.
  - iii. Maintain confidentiality on any information given or when advice is sought, except in the occasion of law or University policy violations.
  - iv. Attend annual Advisor's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.
  - v. Sign all expenditures made by the organization.
2. Selection. The Adviser shall be selected through consultation between the President of the Senate, the Office of the Senior-Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of the Senior-Vice President and Provost. A majority vote of the Senate shall be required to confirm the appointment of the Adviser.
3. Term. The term of the Adviser shall be ongoing until resignation or removal by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. Selection of a new advisor shall proceed through procedures outlined in Article IV, paragraph 2.





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### ARTICLE V. SUPREMACY OF RULES

1. The following shall be the order of supremacy of rules and policies of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate:
  - i. Constitution
  - ii. Articles of Cooperation
  - iii. By-laws
  - iv. Acts of the Senate as passed through Senate Bill
2. All acts and rules of the Senate shall be in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws as well as Iowa State University rules and regulations.

### ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

1. All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.
3. No dues shall be required for membership as a Senator.

### ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS, AND RATIFICATION

1. By-laws. A set of By-laws shall be written and maintained to specify the rules for elections and rules of procedure for the Senate and the Executive Council. Amendments to the By-Laws shall require approval from two-thirds of all Senators present, where those two-thirds are also a majority of all Senators currently elected and verified.
2. Amendments. Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by the Senate, or by a petition to the Senate of at least one hundred (100) combined graduate and professional students. An amendment must be approved at two Senate sessions that are at least two weeks apart. At each Senate session, approval must be by two-thirds of all Senators present, where those two-thirds are also a majority of all Senators currently elected and verified.
3. Ratification. This Constitution shall be ratified upon approval of three-fourths of the Senate.



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If the Constitution or By-Laws are amended, the Chief Information Officer shall send an updated copy of both to the Student Activities Center within ten days of the amendment.

### **SENATE BILL S15-05**

#### **SENATE MEETING March 30, 2015**

**TITLE:** Making Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) a regular member of **National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)**

**WHEREAS:** NAGPS is a student-run national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of graduate & professional students across the United States, and

**WHEREAS:** NAGPS is NOT a political organization, and

**WHEREAS:** NAGPS hosts regional conferences, and national conferences, and

**WHEREAS:** NAGPS would help the senate to engage in conversations with other graduate student bodies in a systematic manner using a common platform, and

**WHEREAS:** NAGPS advocates legislation of graduate student related laws and policies, such as student loans, funding graduate education, and international student visa, and

**WHEREAS:** NAGPS membership provides unique benefits to member graduate and professional students (<http://nagps.org/benefits-resources/benefits/>) including  
*A job bank for member students*  
*Spearheading national advocacy initiatives (Ex: GradsHaveDebt2)*  
*Hosting national and regional conferences*  
*Hertz Rental Car Discount to Graduate Students*  
*Dental & Vision Insurance*  
*Discounts on GEICO Insurance*  
*International Travel Insurances, and*

**WHEREAS:** The Graduate and Professional student bodies of many Universities including the ones listed below are affiliated with NAGPS, and



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WHEREAS: GPSS was a founding member of NAGPS (proof attached with the bill), and

WHEREAS: NAGPS membership provides the opportunity for GPSS to voice opinion at both regional and the national level regarding issues related to graduate and professional students, be it therefore

ENACTED: The Graduate and Professional Senate join NAGPS and allocate \$500.00 to pay for the annual regular membership fee for 2015 – 2016, and be it further

ENACTED: The Graduate and Professional Senate resolve to include the NAGPS regular membership charges as a line item for the yearly GPSS budget.

### Sponsors:

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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President

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Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate



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### List of Graduate and Professional Organizations associated with NAGPS

1. Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly
2. Duke University Graduate and Professional Student Council
3. Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Student Council
4. Syracuse University Graduate Student Organization
5. University of California, San Diego Graduate Student Association
6. University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Governance Association
7. University of Colorado United Government of Graduate Students
8. Washington St Graduate and Professional Students Association
9. Western Michigan University Graduate Student Advisory Committee
10. Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association
11. Arkansas State University Graduate Student Council
12. Armstrong Atlantic State University Graduate Student Coordinating Council
13. Auburn University Graduate Student Council
14. Baylor University Graduate Student Association
15. Bentley University Graduate Student Association
16. Boston University Graduate Student Organization
17. Bryn Mawr College Graduate Student Association
18. Case Western Reserve University Graduate Student Senate
19. Chatham University Graduate Student Assembly
20. Colorado School of Mines Graduate Student Association
21. Colorado State University Graduate Student Council
22. Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Committee
23. Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
24. Drexel University Graduate Student Association
25. East Carolina University Graduate and Professional Student Senate
26. East Tennessee State University Graduate and Professional Student Association
27. Eastern Illinois University Graduate Student Advisory Council
28. Emerson College Graduate Student Association
29. Florida Atlantic University Graduate and Professional Student Association
30. Florida International University Graduate and Professional Student Committee
31. Florida State University Congress of Graduate Students
32. George Mason University Graduate and Professional Student Association
33. Grand Valley State University Graduate Student Association
34. Harvard University Graduate Student Council
35. High Point University Graduate Student Association
36. Johns Hopkins University Graduate Representative Organization
37. Kent State University Graduate Student Senate
38. Loyola University Maryland Graduate Student Organization
39. Missouri University of Science and Technology
40. North Carolina State University, University Graduate Student Association
41. Northern Arizona University Graduate Student Government



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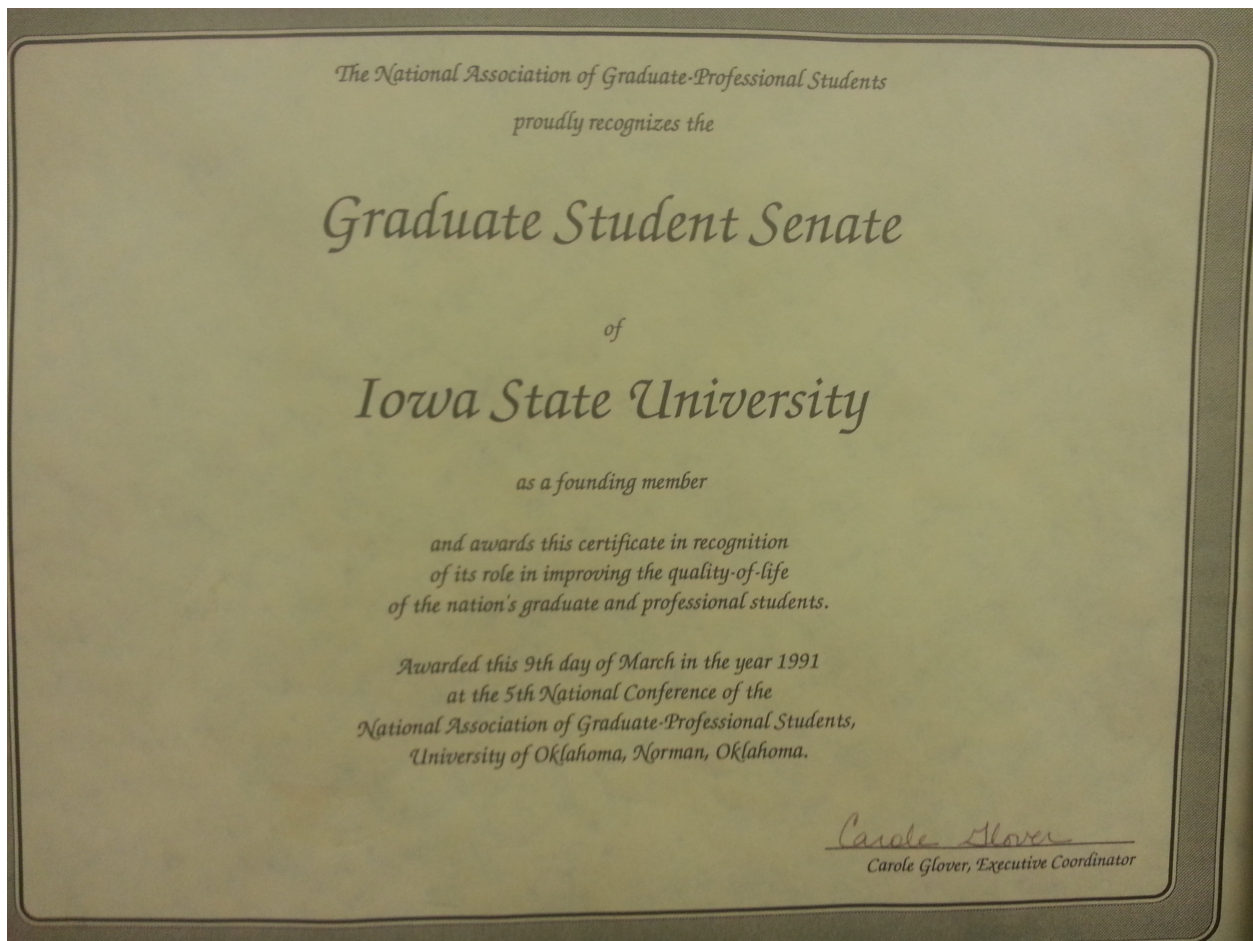
42. Northwestern University Graduate Leadership Council
43. Oklahoma State University Graduate and Professional Student Government Association
44. Old Dominion University Graduate Student Organization
45. Pennsylvania State University Graduate Student Association
46. Regent University Council of Graduate Students
47. Rice University Graduate Student Association
48. Southern University Graduate Student Association
49. St. Cloud State University Graduate Student Organization
50. St. Louis University Graduate Student Association
51. Stony Brook University Graduate Student Organization
52. Texas A&M University Graduate Student Council
53. Texas Tech University Graduate Student Advisory Council
54. Tufts University Graduate Student Council
55. University of Akron Graduate Student Government
56. University of Alabama, Birmingham Graduate Student Association
57. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Graduate Student Association
58. University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council
59. University of Arkansas Graduate Student Congress
60. University of Arkansas, Little Rock Graduate Student Association
61. University of California Student Association
62. University of California, Davis Graduate Student Association
63. University of California, Irvine Associated Students of UC Irvine
64. University of California, Merced Graduate Student Association
65. University of California, San Diego – Graduate Student Association
66. University of Central Florida Graduate Student Association
67. University of Florida Graduate Student Council
68. University of Georgia Graduate Student Association
69. University of Louisville Graduate Student Council
70. University of Maryland, Baltimore County Graduate Student Association
71. University of Maryland, College Park Graduate Student Government
72. University of Miami Graduate Student Association
73. University of Mississippi Graduate Student Council
74. University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council
75. University of Montana Graduate Student Association
76. University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate and Professional Student Association
77. University of Nevada, Reno Graduate Student Association
78. University of New England Graduate and Professional Student Association
79. University of New Haven Graduate Student Council
80. University of North Texas Graduate Student Council
81. University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate
82. University of Pittsburgh Graduate and Professional Student Government
83. University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras Campus
84. University of South Dakota Graduate and Professional Student Association



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85. University of South Florida Graduate and Professional Student Council
86. University of Southern California Graduate Student Government
87. University of Tennessee Knoxville Graduate Student Senate
88. University of Toledo Graduate Student Association
89. Virginia Commonwealth University Graduate Student Association
90. Washington University in St. Louis Graduate School of Arts/Sciences
91. Xavier University Graduate Student Association





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[2014 Leadership Summit](#)

[2014 Fall Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Days \(LADs\)](#)

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### Our Vision

NAGPS's vision is to be a nationally representative and internationally recognized Association that advocates for institutional and structural changes to improve graduate and professional education in the United States.

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### Our Mission

The mission of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) is to: develop, sustain, and expand a member network that connects graduate and professional students across the United States to facilitate the sharing of information, resources, and best practices, empower our members to successfully serve their constituents, and amplify students' voices to campus, local, state, and federal policymakers.

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### Agenda

#### Thursday, November 6

- 2:00 PM Hotel Check-in  
**Registration**  
*Student Center: 1st Floor & 2nd Floor Traditions Lounge*
- 4:00 PM **Registration and Welcome Reception**  
*The Shack, Student Center*
- 7:00 PM **Socializing and Dinner**  
*The Shack, Student Center*

#### Friday, November 7

Shuttle service provided from conference hotel to campus

- 6:30 AM **Workout**  
*MU Recreation Center*
- 9:00 AM **Welcome and Day One Overview**  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 9:15 AM **Business Meeting**  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 10:45 AM **Concurrent Session Block #1**
- Running Meetings and Robert's Rules**  
Sam Leitermann, Syracuse University  
*Student Center 1209A*
- Navigating the Difficulties of Graduate Student Leadership**  
Dwayne Johnson & Ernest Fleming, North Carolina A&T State University  
*Student Center 1209B*
- Living Multiculturalism: on- and off- campus international student advocacy**  
Serban Mogos & Ankita Sharma, Carnegie Mellon University  
*Student Center 2205A*
- Revisiting Core Values in Leadership and Transitions under GR.A.C.E. (Graduate Action, Collaboration & Empathy)**  
Charity Embley, Texas Tech University  
*Student Center 2205B*
- Data-Driven Advocacy**  
Zach Brooks, University of Arizona  
*Student Center 2206AB&C*
- 11:30 AM Break
- 11:45 AM **Concurrent Session Block #2**
- Data-Drive Advocacy: Three Case Studies in Institutional Change**  
Laura Michaelson, John Lurquin & Katherine Allison, University of Colorado Boulder  
*Student Center 1209A*





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**Building a Presence: Intertwining successful leadership through new and innovative programs**

Denisha Griffey, & Chartanay Bonner Western Michigan University  
*Student Center 1209B*

**Building an Inclusive Graduate and Campus-Discussion Group**

Erica Ronchetto, Missouri University of Science and Technology  
*Student Center 2205A*

**How to Connect with Social Media, Marketing, and Communications**

Kate Chisholm & Zachary Brooks, University of Arizona  
*Student Center 2205B*

**Best Practices Roundtable**

NAGPS Regional Members of the Year  
*Student Center 2206AB&C*

12:30 PM

Working Lunch and Workshop  
*Student Center: Traditions Lounge*

**Professional Development - Advocacy 101: Making Your Voice Heard**

Meredith Niles, Harvard University & Katie Steen, University of Missouri  
*Student Center 2206AB&C*

**Strategic Plan**

Neleen Leslie  
*Student Center 2205A*

1:30 PM

Concurrent Session Block #3

**Communication Planning & the Future for NAGPS**

Peta Long, Syracuse University  
*Student Center 1209A*

**Challenges and Successes In Managing a 4089% Budget Increase, Growing Your Organization and Advocating To Keep Competitive Graduate Programs**

Aaron Shaw, The University of Toledo  
*Student Center 1209B*

**Pedaling Change on Campus: Carnegie Mellon's Bike Advisory Committee**

Mary Glavan, Carnegie Mellon University  
*Student Center 2205A*

**Crossing Boundaries and Transforming Lives: Strategic planning with community engagement and careful deliberation, not just buzzwords**

Mark Whiting, Carnegie Mellon University  
*Student Center 2205B*

**GradsHaveDebt2: Empowering Students and Advocating for Our Future**

Jesse Kremenak, University of Missouri  
*Student Center 2206AB&C*

**Using your student government experience in your future career**

Meredith Niles, Harvard University  
*Student Center Leadership Auditorium*



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- 2:15 PM      Break
- 2:30 PM      **Business Meeting**  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 5:00 PM      Break
- 5:15 PM      **Leading the Charge for Open: How NAGPS can build its reputation as an internationally-recognized leader in Open Access advocacy**  
Nick Shockey, SPARC  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 6:00 PM      Break
- 7:00 PM      **Regional Dinners**  
*Downtown Columbia*  
*Bleu (811 Walnut St.)*  
*Shakespeare's (225 S. Ninth Street)*  
*Broadway Brewery (816 E Broadway)*  
*Kui Korean BBQ (22 N 9th Street)*
- 9:00 PM      **Comedy, Dancing**  
*Downtown Columbia*  
*Déjà vu (405 Cherry St. Columbia, MO 65201)*

#### Saturday, November 8

Shuttle service provided from conference hotel to campus

- 6:30 AM      **Workout**  
*MU Recreation Center*
- 9:00 AM      **Welcome and Day Two Overview**  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 9:15 AM      **Meet the Candidates**  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 10:15 AM     **Business Meeting**  
*Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*
- 11:00 PM     Break
- 11:15 AM     **Concurrent Session Block #4**
- The Future of Employment Concerns: Developing a Vision and a Plan**  
Caitlin Janiszewski, University at Albany  
*Student Center 1209A*
- Confessions of a Graduate Student Leader: What to Expect and How to Enrich your Experience**  
Eduardo Europa, Northwestern University  
*Student Center 1209B*



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### Agenda

**Figures don't lie, but ...: Understanding national datasets for graduate student advocacy" - Part 1**

Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools  
*Student Center Leadership Auditorium*

12:00 PM

Buffet Lunch  
*1st Floor Student Center*

1:00 PM

Ignite Sessions/Posters/Presentation

**Ignite Sessions**

*Student Center Leadership Auditorium*

**Posters**

*Student Center Leadership Lounge*

**Hungarian Student Government Model**

*Student Center 2206A*

1:45 PM

Concurrent Session Block #5

**Empowering Students through Student Advocacy and Lobbying (ASUM)**

Seonmin Park & Jonathon Donald, Northern Arizona University  
*Student Center 1209A*

**International Student Programming**

Maria Khoroshev & Zachary Brooks, University of Arizona  
*Student Center 2205A*

**Figures don't lie, but ...: Understanding national datasets for graduate student advocacy" - Part 2**

Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools  
*Student Center Leadership Auditorium*

2:30 PM

Break

2:45 PM

Collaboration for Excellence  
*Bush Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*

3:45 PM

Introduce New Board  
*Bush Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall*

4:00 PM

Break

4:15 PM

Concurrent Session Block #6

**Pittsburgh Student Government Council: Regional Collaboration Helping Students**

Will Frankenstein, Carnegie Mellon University  
*Student Center 1209A*

**Advocacy as the Core Order of the GSO**

Sam Leitermann, Syracuse University  
*Student Center 1209B*



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**Domestic Revalidation of F-1 Student Visas**

Mohammad Alkazimi, Missouri University of Science and Technology  
*Student Center 2205A*

**Cultivating Social Capital in your Student Government for more effective governance advocacy: A Case Study of Mizzou's GPC**

Kristofferson Culmer, University of Missouri  
*Student Center 2205B*

**iDesign: Creating a self-brand identity for entering the market**

Peta Long, Syracuse University  
*Student Center 2206A*

**Partnering with University Alumni Associations for Mentoring**

Katheryn Kolesar, University of California - Davis  
*Student Center 2206AB&C*

5:00 PM Regional Business Meeting

**Western**

*Student Center 1209A*

**Midwest**

*Student Center 1209B*

**Northeast**

*Student Center 2205A*

**Southeast**

*Student Center 2205B*

**Southcentral**

*Student Center 2206AB&C*

6:00 PM Break

7:00 PM **Cocktail Hour** (shuttle service provided from conference hotel to pavilion)  
*Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union*

7:30 PM **Conference Dinner**  
*Stotler I, II, III, Memorial Union*

9:00 PM **Dance!**  
*Stotler I, II, III, Memorial Union*

Sunday, November 9

9:00 AM **2014 and 2015 Board of Directors Meeting** (2014 and 2015 Directors only)  
*Mizzou Rec Complex*

12:00 PM Hotel Check-out



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## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### Graduate-Professional Student Loans

We urge you to sponsor and support legislation that would:

- REUNIFY the graduate and undergraduate loan rates to reverse current inequalities
- REINSTATE the in-school interest subsidy for graduate-professional student loans



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*The average cumulative debt for a Master's is \$57,000 and is \$75,000 for a doctoral degree. This figure increases to \$146,000 for a professional degree, which is more than four times the average undergraduate debt load (approx. \$29,000). [1]*

#### Reunify Loan Rates

- Earning a Ph.D. takes an average of 7.7 years [2]. Compounding interest from unsubsidized loans further swells the debt load, increasing monthly loan payments by \$203 for students taking out the maximum Stafford Loan amount.
- According to Congressional Budget Office projections, savings associated with the removal of the in-school interest subsidy will result in an increase of \$18.1 billion in the debt burden of graduate-professional students over 10 years. [3]

#### Why This Matters

- Federal investment in doctoral education fills a critical gap that neither states nor industry can fill. State governments are often reluctant to invest in fellowships for students who might not remain in the state. Corporations may find doctoral fellowships difficult to justify when they cannot be certain that a student will join the company after attaining the degree. **When the federal government makes the investment, the entire nation greatly benefits.** [4]
- The graduate-professional student default rate is significantly lower (6.4%) than the overall default rate (18.4%), [5] making graduate-professional student loans the safest investment of all student loans.
- The high cost of student loans prohibits graduate and professional students from being active participants in our struggling economy, preventing them from buying homes and starting small businesses.
- The high cost of student loans makes postgraduate education cost prohibitive and will prevent the best and brightest from pursuing graduate or professional degrees.
- Jobs requiring advanced degrees are expected to grow by at least 20% by 2020. [6]

#### Federal Investment

in doctoral education fills a critical gap that neither states nor industry can fill [4]

### 3x

Grad/Prof are 3x less likely to default on student loans [5]

#### Graduate Instructors

help keep undergraduate education affordable

### 70%+

of graduate students received some form of financial aid [7]



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### Funding Graduate Education

An Investment in the Future

#### We urge you to support legislation that would:

- Increase funding to federal research agencies to reverse the damage from budget caps and sequestration cuts
- Reinstate and ensure future political science research funding through the NSF
- Restore funding for the Javits and GAANN fellowship programs to \$39 million

#### The Benefits of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Funding (STEM)

- 53% of basic academic science research in the United States is funded through the federal government [2]
- Grants from NSF supported about 150,000 researchers, including graduate and undergraduate students in FY 2010 [3]
- More than 80,000 patents were generated from NSF funded research from 2000 to 2009 [3]
- STEM fields are critical to reigniting the economy. There are nearly two job openings per STEM-educated person nationally [4]
- Since FY 2010 federal research and development funding in real dollars has decreased by 10% [3]

#### The Benefits of Social, Behavioral, Economic, and Political Science

- The social sciences are crucial to solving many of our nation's most pressing issues including understanding disease spread, disaster preparedness, and efficient use of resources [5]
- Social science and social network analysis have been crucial in ensuring national security and understanding terrorist networks [6][7]
- Social science research interventions can reduce repeat crime offenses by up to 40% [6]
- The State Department, Homeland Security, Defense Department, and Department of Energy all rely on the work of social scientists [5]

#### Funding for the Javits Fellowship and the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- In 2012, the Javits Fellowship program -- the only federal fellowship for students in the arts and humanities -- was consolidated into the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program, reducing funding by 24% [8]
- The average time to degree for Javits fellowship students is less than their peers [8]



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**73%**

higher expected job growth in STEM fields [1]

**2:1**

job openings per STEM-educated person nationally [9]

**80,000**

number of patents generated through NSF funded research 2000-2004 [3]



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## Open Access to Federally Funded Research

Increasing Innovation and Improving Education



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### We urge you to support and co-sponsor:

- S. 350 - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR) [bipartisan]
- H.R. 708 - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR) [bipartisan]

### OPEN ACCESS

#### A Win for American Students, Taxpayers and Small Businesses

- **Small Business:** Removes the cost barrier that prevents small businesses from incorporating the latest research into their innovation
- **Students:** Provides access to cutting-edge research and reduces the cost burden for continuing education
- **Citizens:** Maximizes taxpayers' return on investment in publicly funded research and provides every taxpayer with access to research they have paid for
- **Accountable Government:** Allows transparent review of how federal dollars are used

**700,000**

users access PubMed  
every weekday [1]

**57%**

of PubMed users  
are from the general  
public and industry [1]

### Proven Track Record of Success: The NIH Public Access Program

The NIH public access policy currently requires peer-reviewed papers developed from NIH-funded projects to be submitted to NIH's public PubMed Central (PMC) database within one year after publication [1].

Every weekday, more than 700,000 users access PMC. The NIH estimates that only 25% of these users are from universities, 40% are from the general public, and 17% are from industry [1].

### Support from Publishers

At least 50 major publishers, including the Nature Publishing Group and the American Institute of Physics, have pledged to support access models that maximize "dissemination of and access to the content" they publish [2]. Growth in the medical journal market -- the one most affected by the NIH policy -- is forecast to be 6.3% in 2014 [3].



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### Improving Education Resources

#### Support Affordable Textbooks

**We urge you to support and co-sponsor:**

H.R. 3538 - Affordable College Textbook Act

S. 1704 - Affordable College Textbook Act



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#### Open Educational Resources (OER) are Fiscally Responsible

- The rising cost of college textbooks places an unnecessary burden on all students. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that college textbook prices increased 82% between 2002 and 2012 [4].
- Considering recent technological advancements, textbook prices should be decreasing, not increasing.
- Open Educational Resources (OER) are digital textbooks and other materials licensed for free.
- Expanding the creation and use of OER can reduce the burden of textbook costs and make higher education more affordable.

**82%**

increase in textbook  
prices between  
2002-2012 [4]

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- H.R. 708** - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR)  
(Sponsors: Doyle [D-PA14] and 13 cosponsors; Status: Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform Committee)
- S. 350** - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR)  
(Sponsors: Cornyn [R-TX] and 3 cosponsors; Status: Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs)
- H.R. 3538** - Affordable College Textbook Act  
(Sponsors: Hinojosa [D-TX15] and 42 cosponsors; Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)
- S. 1704** - Affordable College Textbook Act  
(Sponsors: Durbin [D-IL] and 3 cosponsors; Status: Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions)



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### **SENATE BILL S15-08 SENATE MEETING March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**TITLE:** The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair Scholarship

**WHEREAS:** The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair is a new position on the Executive Council of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and

**WHEREAS:** All other Executive Council members earn a scholarship for their service to GPSS and the university community, and

**WHEREAS:** The GPSRC Chair should earn a scholarship equivalent to the Vice President, Chief Information Officer, University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair, and Professional Advancement Grant Chair, be it therefore

**ENACTED:** That \$2200.00 from Special Allocations be used to fund the GPSRC Chair's Executive Scholarship, and further

**ENACTED:** \$1100.00 per semester be awarded to the GPSRC Chair for his or her service.

Sponsors:

Anderson, A.

Prisacari, A.

Mantilla-Pérez, M. B.

Hershberger, M.

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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President

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Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate



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### **SENATE BILL S15-09 SENATE MEETING March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**TITLE:** Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award, Eligibility and Review Criteria

**WHEREAS:** The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) represents a voluntary time commitment, and

**WHEREAS:** Excellent service to the GPSS benefits the experience of Graduate and Professional students, and

**WHEREAS:** Each year, some Senators exhibit outstanding service and activism, be it therefore

**ENACTED:** That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) institutes the “Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award” to recognize the contribution of GPSS Senators who excel in their service and dedication to the graduate and professional student body, be it further

**ENACTED:** That the attached document provides purpose, guidelines, and review criteria for “GPSS Leadership Awards”

Sponsors:

Anderson, A.  
Hershberger, M.

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### **Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award**

- Purpose:** To recognize Graduate and Professional Student Senators who have exhibited outstanding dedication, work ethic, service, activism, and citizenship to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) for the benefit of the Graduate and Professional Student Community.
- Eligibility:** To be eligible for nomination, Senators must meet the following criteria:
- 1) Be a current GPSS Senator in good academic and GPSS standing,
  - 2) Demonstrate excellence in Senate service in the form of committee membership, legislation activism, event organization, and / or constituent representation.
- Nomination:** Students cannot self-nominate. Nominations may be submitted by fellow Senators, GPSS Executive Council Members, and constituents. Previous winners are not eligible. Nomination should include the following:
- 1) A completed nomination form.
  - 2) A narrative statement that clearly identifies and provides supporting evidence for outstanding qualities of the nominee relevant to the purpose of the award.
- As nominations are received, nominees will be contacted by the GPSS PAG Chair and asked for a summary of their activities relevant to the award.
- Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted by e-mail to the GPSS PAG Chair by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Selection Process:** The Awards Review Committee, chaired by the GPSS PAG Chair, will review final applications and will select the recipients. Winners will be notified by the end of March and recognized at the March Senate Meeting.
- Award:** The award recipients will receive a certificate of Senate Excellence signed by the GPSS President and Vice President.
- Number of Yearly Awards:** No more than 5 awards will be given each year.



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### Nomination Form

#### **Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award**

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**Submit nomination via e-mail attachment to [GPSSPAG@iastate.edu](mailto:GPSSPAG@iastate.edu).  
Subject line: Senator Excellence Award**

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#### **Nominee's Information:**

Senator Name:

Senator Email:

Nominator's Information:

Name:

#### **Nominator's Relationship to Student:**

- GPSS Executive Council Member
- Graduate and Professional Student Senator
- Constituent

#### **Brief statement (please type 500 words or less):**

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Describe the nominee, including his or her GPSS activities and why he or she deserves recognition as achieving Senator Excellence.



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### **SENATE BILL S15-10 SENATE MEETING March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**TITLE:** Revision to GPSS's Leadership Award Certificates

**WHEREAS:** GPSS's Leadership Award is in its first year, and

**WHEREAS:** GPSS's other awards are signed by the GPSS President and GPSS PAG Chair, and

**WHEREAS:** The University through the Graduate College is considering creating their own Leadership Award, be it therefore

**ENACTED:** The award recipients will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the GPSS President and GPSS PAG Chair

Sponsors:  
Elkashef M.  
Hershberger M.  
Jaramillo Cherrez N.

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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President

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Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate



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### **SENATE BILL S15-11** **SENATE MEETING March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**TITLE:** Spring 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations

**WHEREAS:** The GPSS allocates funds to graduate and professional student organizations twice a year, and

**WHEREAS:** The GPSS Finance Committee has reviewed all Spring 2015 allocation requests and heard appeals for the recommendations made by the GPSS Finance Committee, be it therefore

**ENACTED:** That \$1,063.71 of budgeted Regular Allocations be rolled into GPSS Surplus for the remainder of the current fiscal year, and let it be further

**ENACTED:** That the GPSS allocate funding to graduate and professional student organizations as follows:

<b>Graduate/Professional Student Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Association of Computing Machinery - ISU Student Chapter	\$830.00
AgArts	\$400.00
Agronomy GSC	\$458.70
AHVMA - Integrative Medicine Club	\$646.00
Apparel, Merchandising, and Design GSO	\$1,000.00
Association of Shelter Veterinarians	\$800.00
Bioinformatics and Computational Biology GSO	\$1,000.00
Community and Regional Planning GC	\$268.00
Entomology GSO	\$685.47
Geology GSO	\$950.00
Graduate Students in Counseling Psychology	\$998.62
Graduate Students in Psychology	\$85.67
Graduate Students in Social Psychology	\$927.05
Human-Computer Interaction Student Group	\$0.00
Kinesiology GA	\$680.00
MATH GSO	\$1,000.00
MBA Association	\$1,000.00





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MCDBGSO	\$280.00
Neurology Club	\$1,000.00
Ophthalmology Club	\$564.11
Plant Pathology Student Organization	\$873.39
Student Affairs Graduate Association	\$50.00
Society of Applied Spectroscopy - ISU Student Chapter	\$0.00
Sustainable Agriculture Student Association	\$714.00
Student Chapter, Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society	\$772.45
Students in Applied Mathematics	\$1,000.00
Veterinary Public Health Club	\$140.00
Women's Veterinary Leadership Development Initiative - Student Chapter	\$500.00
Zoo, Exotics and Wildlife Club	\$276.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,899.46</b>

Sponsors:      CHAKRABORTY, A.      FIGUEROA, A.      HSU, C.  
                         SPENCER, M.      TRIPATHY, A.

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### **SENATE RESOLUTION S15-01 SENATE MEETING March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- TITLE:** Senate Support of the Graduate and Professional Research Conference
- WHEREAS:** The Graduate and Professional Research Conference (GPSRC) is an annual event organized by members of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate, and
- WHEREAS:** The 2015 GPSRC is scheduled on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, and
- WHEREAS:** The success of the conference relies on the involvement of graduate students, either as presenters or attendees, and
- WHEREAS:** The Graduate and Professional Student Senate is the primary sponsor of the GPSRC, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That senators support the GPSRC by attending the conference, and be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That senators support the GPSRC by volunteering during the conference for a minimum of one hour, and be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That senators encourage their constituents to attend the GPSRC.

#### Sponsors:

Juan J. Duchimaza Heredia  
Misty Spencer  
Nadia Jaramillo  
Monica Langley

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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President

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Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate