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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Notes

Monday, March 30th, 2015
South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- I. Call to Order: 6:31 PM
 - a) Roll Call 35/77 - Quorum Not Met!!
 - i. Moving to open forum prior to getting quorum
- II. Open Forum
 - a) Dr. Keith Robinder, Associate Dean of Students and Dr. Martino Harmon, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs:
 - i. Responsible for maintaining the overall positive experience-mostly extra-curricular activities.
 - ii. Manage: Student Counseling Service, ISSO, MU, Dept. of Residence, ISU Dining, Registrar, Admissions Office under student activities
 - iii. 4 organizing spheres: (Brochure distributed)
 1. Writing and Media Center for Graduate Students.
 2. Wellness: Rec Center, and State Gym
 3. Social Justice and Inclusion Center
 4. Student life center: Legal services, outreach program, greek affair
 - iv. Q&A:
 1. Dietitian services for grad students?
 - a. Reply: Work with ISU Dining. Rec Service has personal dietitian. Working on overall concept of health and fitness.
 2. Open positions in dining, ISSO etc. ?
 - a. Search is on
 3. Extending the Recreation services to family members of grad students?
 - a. These places are not set up to be safe for young children. Safety issues.
 - b. Others can pay the fees and avail



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4. Any statistics pertaining to diversity statistics in various departments?
 - a. No tracking for LGBT identity. But minorities are tracked, and funded separately.
 5. Student Counseling used to be in Vet Med but is now missing from Vet Med, despite the highest suicide rates
 - a. Staff shortage, trying to get new councilor.
 - b. Services are still available to Vet Med Students, but in campus, not at Vet Med location.
- III. Roll call at 7:10 PM – 39/77
- a) Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
 - b) Approval of Meeting Notes
 - i. Approved UC
 - c) Amendments to the agenda
 - i. Include GSB President-Elect to Senate Forum
 - ii. Add Senate Bill 15-12 to the agenda.
 1. Passed by UC
 - iii. Remarks and reports after the elections.
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- IV. Senate Forum
- a) GPSRC Budget Presentation
 - b) President Elect
 - i. Cyride- New federal grants
 - ii. New parking lot
 - iii. Osborn drive congestion
 - iv. VEISHA – Competition based events-Art and sporting events
 - v. RentSmart Ames – aggregator of information—Dan commits to continuing the discussion.
 1. Q&A: Osborn expansion construction in summer
 2. Has the parking lot been designed: In progress
 3. Email: info on GSB Website dpb@iastate.edu
- V. Introduction of New Bills
- a) 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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- b) SB-S15-08: The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair Scholarship
- c) SB-S15-09: Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award, Eligibility, and Review Criteria
- d) SB-S15-10: Revision to GPSS's Leadership Award Certificates
- e) SB-S15-11: Spring 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
- f) SR-S15-01: Senate Support of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference

VI. Remarks and Reports

- a) Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
- b) Report of the Vice President – Vice President Zachary Zenko
- c) Report of the Treasurer – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan
- d) Report of the Chief Information Officer – CIO Sneha Singh
- e) Report of the URLA Chair– URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami
- f) Report of the PAG Chair Committee – PAG Chair Cory Kleinheksel
- g) Report of the GPSRC Chair – Not Yet Applicable
- h) Report of the GSB-Senator at Large

VII. Unfinished Business

- a) SB-S15-02: Revising the GPSS Constitution (2nd read)
 - i. Voting: Yes: 88%
 - 1. No:0%
 - 2. Abstain:12%

VIII. New Business

- a) SB-S15-05: Making the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) a regular member of National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)
 - i. Voting: Yes: 65%
 - 1. No: 20%
 - 2. Abstain: 15%
- b) SB-S15-08: The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair Scholarship
 - i. Voting: Yes: 87%
 - ii. No: 10%
 - iii. Abstain:3%
- c) SB-S15-09: Graduate and Professional Student Senator Excellence Award, Eligibility, and Review Criteria
 - i. Motion to amend



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1. Voting for amendment: UC
 - ii. Voting for the legislation: Yes: 55%
 - iii. No:40%
 - iv. Abstain:5%
- d) SB-S15-10: Revision to GPSS's Leadership Award Certificates
 - i. Voting: Yes: 87%
 1. No:5%
 2. Abstain:8%
- e) SB-S15-11: Spring 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
 - i. Amendments
 1. Voting: UC
 - ii. Voting: Yes: 97%
 1. No:3%
 2. Abstain: 0%
- f) SR-S15-01: Senate Support of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference
 - i. Voting: Yes: UC
- g) SB-S15-12:
 - i. Discussion: VP Zenko requests CIO Singh to list the history of the discussion of GPSS representation for the Senate's benefit. Turns out that investigation of *how* Senate seats are allocated led to a discussion of an "improved" way to reflect how students have been represented. Special exceptions for some departments leads to (numerical) over-representations of some departments and some majors, including through a double-counting problem. By switching to major, we count everyone by individual participation rather than in the way that HCI students, for example, are being double-counted.
 - ii. Amendment:
 - iii. Voting on amendment:
 1. Yes: 66%
 2. No:26%
 3. Abstain:8%
 - iv. Motion to extend the discussion by 10 min
 1. Voting: Yes: 46%
 - a. No:51%
 - b. Abstain:3%
 - v. Voting on the bill: Yes:61%
 - a. No:32%
 - b. Abstain:8%



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c. Bill Fails: need 2/3rd majority to pass

h) Executive Council Elections

i. Presidential candidate: Vice President Zack Zenko

1. Voting: Yes: 95%

i. No:5%

ii. Abstain:0%

ii. Vice President candidate: PAG Chair Cory Kleinheksel

1. For Cory: Voting: Yes: 89%

i. No:11%

ii. Abstain:0%

iii. Treasurer candidate: Treasurer TJ Rakitan

1. Voting: Yes: 95%

i. No:3%

ii. Abstain:3%

iv. Chief Information Officer candidate: Senator Chung, and Senator Agrawal

1. Voting: Sen. Chung: 24%

a. Sen. Agrawal:73%

b. Abstain:3%

v. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair candidate: Senator Tripathy

1. Voting: Yes: 95%

i. No:5%

ii. Abstain:0%

vi. Professional Advancement Grant Chair candidate: Senator Mantia-Parez

1. : Yes: 86%

1. No:11%

2. Abstain:3%

vii. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair candidate: Vivek Lawana

1. Yes: 97%

i. No: 3%

ii. Abstain:0%



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IX. Exec Remarks and Reports:

- a) Report of the President– President Arko Mukherjee
 - I. Received \$ 12,000 of conference funding from Colleges as well as Office of Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. An extra \$ 3000 is kept reserve in case we run out of funds.
 - II. The execs meet Dean, Associate Dean and Assistant Dean of graduate college over lunch. Topics discussed included:
 - i. Research Conference
 - ii. Senate representation
 - iii. Leadership Award from graduate college
 - iv. Travel funds
 - v. Inclusion of student fees in assistantships
 - III. Graduate college is considering a new proposal on Graduate Student Annual Review. Please take a look at the attached document regarding this policy and provide feedback by April 5th.
 - IV. Execs meet with Keith Bystrom from Office of University Counsel regarding proposed changes in Student Disciplinary Regulations (Code of Conduct). Please provide feedback by April 5th. The draft changes are attached. Some of the important changes proposed are:
 - i. Expanding the All University Judiciary committee to potentially include more members.
 - ii. Changes in policies regarding Sexual Misconduct, Dating violence, stalking.
 - iii. Removal of All Residence Judiciary (ARJ) and All Greek Judiciary (AGJ) as they are not the currently used process.
 - iv. The terms Major and Minor violations are changed to Level 1 and Level 2 respectively.
 - v. Previously any charges for property damage / medical expenses that were over \$200 were considered Level 1. The new policy changes this is \$1000. This means we can expect higher number of Level 2 (Minor) charges and lower number of Level 1 (Major) charges.
 - vi. The Office of Equal Opportunity has stronger presence in the document.
 - vii. Misuse of computers is now misuse of technology.
 - viii. Interim actions is now interim measures
 - V. Please mark your calendar for April 2nd / 3rd and attend the Annual GPSS Research conference / Spring Social
 - VI. Please consider volunteering a few hours for GPSRC.
 - VII. Please consider running for one of the exec positions. Make these positions as competitive.



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- VIII. GSB election results are out. Dan Breitbarth and Megan Sweere elected as next GSB President and Vice President respectively. The attachment of the presentation during declaration of the initial results is attached with this report. Here is the ISU daily link:

http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/politics_and_administration/article_ec293546-c504-11e4-9e14-7baf1f9a186c.html

- IX. I am working with VP Zenko on transitioning. If you are interested in running for GPSS President, I would be happy to discuss and provide details!
- X. Board of Regents Residence System Governance Report and Proposed University Parking For FY 2016 attached.
- XI. There are some proposed changes in how tuition is paid for Graduate Assistants. Currently the home College pays for the tuition irrespective of who pays for the stipend. This might change and for graduate students pursuing an assistantship outside of home College, the home College might not provide the tuition scholarship. These changes are currently being discussed at the Associate Deans level.
- XII. Beth McNeil, professor and associate dean for academic affairs at the Purdue University Libraries will join as the Dean of the Iowa State University Library starting July 15.
- XIII. Graduate college invites feedback on a few tag lines that are being considered for branding. The tag lines being considered are:
- i. Connecting Adventurous Minds
 - ii. Expanding Adventurous Minds
 - iii. Connect. Discover. Grow: The Graduate Adventure at Iowa State University

- b) Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko
- c) Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan
- d) Report of the CIO and Elections Committee – CIO Sneha Singh
- e) Report of the URLA Chair and GPSRC Committee– URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami

i. GPSRC Updates:

1. Registrations open: <http://goo.gl/qAhmGA>
2. Invitation for presentation sent out for:
 - a. 3MT: 10
 - b. Orals: 64
 - c. Poster: 115
3. Lunch and Dinner would be provided to early registrants.
4. Workshops and Panel Discussion:
 - i. Workshops:
 1. How to write an excellent Research and Teaching Statements



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2. Creating Effective Research Posters
3. Resume Building

ii. Panel Discussion:

1. How to get Job in Industry
2. Negotiating your first faculty job offer

iii. Breakout Sessions:

1. What is Open? A Primer for Early Career Researchers and Graduate Students
 - a. Organized by ISU Library
2. Interacting with the Industry Panel
 - a. Panelists from Workiva, Principal, Hach, and Dupont Pioneer.

5. Event details and Schedule available at:

<http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/students/gpsrc/event.php>

- f) Report of the PAF Chair and the PAG Committee– PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel
- i. GPSS Leadership, Research and Teaching awards will be announced at GPSRC
 - ii. Wakonse fellowship awards will be announced at GPSRC
 - iii. Spring 2015 PAGs application awarding is underway. As always, the demand appears to be high and potentially the supply low, please encourage all students to apply early and not to wait. Continued areas for improvements to the online application, as well as automation are being implemented.

X. Announcements: None

XI. Adjournment UC at 10:23 PM

XII. Voting Results:

- a. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/March/Vote/Results%20by%20Participant%201.html>
- b. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/March/Vote/Results%20by%20Participant%202.html>
- c. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/March/Vote/Results%20by%20Question%201.html>
- d. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/March/Vote/Results%20by%20Question%202.html>