

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Notes
Monday September 29th, 2014;
7:00 PM
South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- 1. Roll call
 - a. Quorum has been met
- 2. Approval of August Meeting Notes
 - a. Approved
- 3. Amending the agenda
 - a. Striking the elections and unfinished business
 - b. Unanimous consent
- 4. Introduction of new bills
 - a. Clarification and correct PAG Policies
 - b. Amending the budgets
 - c. Awareness of new PAG policies
 - d. Nominating GSB Senators
 - e. Setting the deadline of the Peer Research and Teaching awards
- 5. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. Thomas Hill, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
 - i. Mission is student success
 - ii. Student Affairs
 - 1. Help succeed academically and personally
 - 2. Need help on how they can best help grad students
 - 3. Need to know what relationships to maintain on an ongoing basis
 - 4. In the division
 - a. Admissions
 - b. Dining
 - c. International students and scholars
 - d. Health center
 - e. And many more (Each delivering one or more services)
 - 5. Some are funded via state dollars and others are funded via student fees
 - 6. Each year funding priorities are established
 - 7. This year



- a. Recruitment
- b. Retention
- c. Diversity
- d. Community development
- e. Resource development

iii. Questions

- 1. Increased enrollment has caused a shortage of graduate housing
 - a. Fredrickson court offered a dedicated building for graduate students, but the demand was too low to sustain. Same with the Kingland development.
 - We need to start this discussion with students now and understanding their housing needs now! So we can measure demand and commit facilities. We need to be given enough time though.
 - c. Relationships are important
 - d. Not enough time to bring ISU housing online, so most will be at mercy of the real estate managers throughout Ames.
 - e. It is the President's goal to increase graduate enrollment by 150 students every year until 2020
 - f. Please continue this conversation by contacting Dr. Hill directly.
- 2. Bike share program
 - a. GSB president had a proposal to do that, but GSB senators did not support this year
- 3. CyRide changes regarding busy central campus
 - a. Talking about removing it
 - b. Kid was killed
 - c. May now have to walk from the perimeter of the campus
 - d. Think of it like a wellness initiative
 - e. This has been done in other places too
 - f. Senator suggestion
 - i. Ticketing jay walking
 - ii. Install skywalks
 - iii. Identify and mark bike/skateboard paths
- 4. Enrollment limiting
 - a. We are landgrant
 - b. We must accept everyone that meets the state's standards
- 5. Childcare staff are needed
 - a. 100's of people are inline



- b. University doesn't have the resources to support the additions and are unaware of the demand needs
- b. Laura Doering, Registrar
 - i. There is interest in awarding a leadership excellence award
 - 1. Reading of Senate Bill S14-11
 - 2. Support for adding to transcript
 - 3. Need additional discussion with the commencement committee
 - ii. Bundled fee proposal one-time records fee
 - 1. Transcript fee
 - 2. Graduation fee
 - 3. Pay upfront (likely under \$200)
 - 4. Then receive free transcripts for life and not have to pay a graduation fee
 - 5. Poll
 - a. Mixed support / mixed objections
 - Goal would be bring in the same revenue annually, but possibly a bit higher than what is needed
 - 7. PDF transcripts may also change this in the future
- 6. Senate Forum
 - a. Senator Anna Prisacari, HCI
 - i. Free services for grad students
 - 1. Learning communities
 - 2. CIRTL free workshops and seminars
 - 3. Faculty diversity program
 - ii. Contact for more info
 - b. Finance committee
 - i. Fall social success and money leftover
 - 1. Mini socials
 - 2. Please make suggestions
 - a. Mother's pub pizza
 - b. PhD movie showing
 - 3. Contact the treasurer
- 7. Exec remarks and reports
 - a. Please read reports for more details
 - b. President
 - i. Tuition and fee increases
 - ii. Research conference committee needs participation and a co-chair
 - iii. Is a dietician needed for graduate students, please fill out the survey



- c. Vice
 - i. Rules committee members needed
 - ii. Potential for reorganizing exec positions
 - 1. Elimination of PAG Chair
 - 2. Create social committee
 - 3. Create an events chair (a.k.a. conference chair)
 - iii. November 17th meeting will now be on November 10th at Vet Med room 2532
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Online regular allocations applications going well
 - ii. Working on new guidelines for allocations
 - iii. Please join the finance committee
 - iv. Had money left over from the fall social, need suggestions
 - 1. Renting out the ice arena
- e. CIO
- i. Please give feedback on regular allocations online
- ii. Authentication on the website now works
- iii. Please let the CIO chair know if you come in late or need to leave early
- iv. Website updates
- f. URLA chair
 - i. Report read
- g. PAG chair
 - i. Peer awards
 - ii. Faculty awards
 - iii. PAG Policies updates
 - iv. PAG educational materials will be developed
- h. GSB report
 - i. Bike program bill in creation
 - ii. Please forward questions and concerns
- 8. New business
 - a. F14-06 Updating PAG
 - i. Doubt expressed on rolling over left over funds to the next month
 - ii. Called to question
 - iii. Passed
 - b. F14-07 Modifying the budget for new PAF policies
 - i. Concern for the removal of \$200
 - 1. Split equally over all months
 - 2. Current bill already handles the case of roll over
 - ii. Amendment to strike the removal of \$200



- 1. Called to question
- 2. Passed
- iii. Concern that the bill does not do anything
 - 1. This is a finance bill needed to modify the budget
- iv. Called to question
- v. Passed
- c. F14-03 Awareness of New PAG Policies
 - i. Discussion that departments are not involved in the allocation of PAGs, it is purely an internal to GPSS procedure
 - ii. Called to question
 - iii. Passed
- d. F14-04 Nominating students to GSB Senate
 - i. Motion to amend to remove the student that withdrew
 - ii. Unanimous Consent
 - iii. Called to question
 - iv. Unanimous Consent
- e. F14-08 Setting the Peer Research and Teaching award deadline
 - i. Called to question
 - ii. Passed
- 9. Announcements
 - a. Search for new library dean, send to Senator Anderson
 - b. Invite to October 10th Latino food night, \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door
- 10. Adjournment

Voting Records

- a. http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/September/Vote/Question.html
- b. http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/September/Vote/Participant.html