IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

1   **GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE**
2   **Meeting Agenda**
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4   Monday, March 28, 2016; 6:30 PM
5   South Ballroom, MU
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7   I. Call to order 6:30 P.M.
8   i.   Roll Call 53/76
9   ii.   Statement of Quorum by Vice-President
10   iii.   Approval of the Meeting Notes
11   iv.   Amendments to the Agenda

12   Senator Hershberger: Add spring allocations bill.
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14   GPSS President Zenko: Senator Hsieh wants to nominate himself for treasurer.

15   II. Open Forum *(40 Min)*
16   i.   Corey Williamson – Memorial Union Interim Director – http://www.mu.iastate.edu/

17   Michael Snook: chair of student advisory group on MU board was also present.
18   Repurpose hotel space, take a look at how MU serves students. Student enrolment has increased ~40% over
19   the years. Stud orgs request for space cannot be met as it is. Current multicultural student center isn't
20   meeting the needs of the students.
21   Northeast addition: 24,000 sq ft over 4 floors. to increase footprint of MU. We have given presentation to
22   14 student orgs. 55% space increase for student orgs.
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24   Corey: went through the slides.
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26   Senator Duchimaza: what kind of stud orgs did you meet with? – different councils, stugov, lucha, disability
27   awareness
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29   Senator Davis: Funding? How? – 55 mill to 70 mill project. Student fee. Not sure how much that fee would
30   be. General estimate: 100$/semester for all students.
31   Do you function in the RMM model or do you get funds from Beardshear? – mixture of funding sources,
32   parking ramp. Receive university general funds.
33   From 1922 to 2003, MU was a not-for-profit. Right now, we are finding funds from private donors and
34   alumni.
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36   Senator Archer: how will it affect workspace/ mshop/ bowling alley? – workshop will be relocated to greek
37   life area, mshop no change. Bowling alley will be discontinued.

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2 Senator Prisacari: when would the student fee will kick in? – begin after referendum, earliest is spring 2017.

3 Student fee would be for 25 – 30 years.

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5 Senator Riley: how is the hotel business doing? – last year 60% occupancy rate.

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7 Senator Helm: what about alumni who come and stay at hotel? – we have kept alumni in the conversation

8 and they are part of the board.

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10 Senator Prisacari: will the renovation include lactation spaces? – just keeping the one that is already present.

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12 Senator: Can cost of renovation be absorbed into tuition? – No.

13   ii.   Student Government President – Daniel Breitbarth

14 Motion to extend by 15 mins, passes.

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16 Voting issue for grad students. 12k$ for voting. We will possibly go back to conducting voting through

17 University ITS rather than a qualtrics survey.

18 Tution fee increase for intl students. Not receiving as much state appropriations as we used to.

19 Homecoming parade.

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21 Senator Archer: could GPSS have a float in the parade? – absolutely.

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23 GPSS President Zenko: looking for graduate liaison. I never received info about it. – Neil Vuzeau graduated

24 and the post was vacant from November. We sent a mass email.

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26 GPSS CIO Agrawal: decision to go back to ITS services, taken by you or next committee. – next committee

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28 Senator Prisacari: we have a procedure to contact graduate students, recommend you to contact GPSS and

29 fill graduate vacancies. – yes I will. Have you considered physical vote? – that might reduce voter turnout.

30 Several public locations might actually increase voter turnout.

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32 Senator Robert: Have you talked with CSE dept and looked into making something proprietary?

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34 GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel: do you have to sign a 10-year contract? – No, but year by year is costlier.

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36 III. Senate Reports: *(40 Min)*

37   i.   Report of the President

1 Senator Prisacari: recommendations by grad council for chapter 9? – feedback from faculty said it was
2 contentious and some of the rights couldn't be guaranteed. Bifurcated into fundamental rights and best
3 practices.
4 Senator Archer: Other universities have it this way? – few faculty asked for those copies. Graduate
5 handbook style does not fit into the bulleted points.
6 Senator Archer: Reformatted it. Best Practices has clean and appropriate office space , it should be a right.

7   ii.   Report of the Vice President

8 Senator Weston: BOR student rep.
9 Voting for next open forum: Responsible and ethical research > Cyride.

10   iii.   Report of the Treasurer
11   iv.   Report of the Chief Information Officer
12   v.   Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
13   vi.   Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
14   vii.   Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair

15 Senator Prisacari: what is "impactful innovation"? – Anna brought the idea first, 5 submissions have been
16 received.
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18 GPSS President Zenko: Please attend the conference, and there is a 3-minute thesis competition. Runner up
19 is going to Chicago to represent iowa state.
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21 Senator Prisacari: who is sponsoring student to go? -- I believe it is the graduate college.

22   viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator

23 Grad representative on the election commission. Lots of great ideas by Zack . office hours for every senator,
24 if not attending then it will be considered malfeasance. Referendum to broadcast the results on isudaily and
25 student govnmnt website. I'd like to see more international students on the student government and hence I
26 declined my seat.

27   ix.   Report of Special Committees
28 IV. Senate Forum *(30 Min)*
29   i.   PAG chair: requested to see final scores of profs.

30 Senator Dufresne: Will the recommenders receive an email by grad college? – nomination form has space to
31 mention the name and email of the person to be contacted. Grad college will ask for letters of support.

32 V. Unfinished Business
33   i.   Senate Bill S16-04 – Revising the GPSS Constitution *(30 Min)*

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1   Call to question by Senator Weston and seconded. Passes by 95%.

2 VI.   New Business
3   i.   Amended to add Spring allocation bill by Finance Committee.

4   Called to question by Senator Davis and seconded. Passes by 98%.

5 VII.   Elections – GPSS Executives for 2016-2017
6   i.   President: **George Weston, Vivek Lawana**

7   Senator George Weston: been senator this past year, and I'm also on the rules committee and improved
8   utilization of time.
9   Utilizing the website, have a calendar.
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11   GPSS Research Conference chair Lawana: 4th year grad student of toxicology, president of ISA, co-chair of
12   Research Conference and others. Have worked closely with 4 GPSS presidents. 3 things to improve:
13   timeline of PhD. Anonymous box on Accessplus.
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15   Vivek Lawana is the new GPSS president.

16   ii.   Vice-President: **Fabian Campbell, Bharat Raj Agrawal**

17   Fabian dropped out and no new nomination was received, so Bharat Agrawal is the new Vice President as
18   there was no objection.

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1. GPSS CIO Agrawal: necessary technical background for the post?
2. Senator Weston: website design using html,
3. Senator Dong: design of the website, online courses to use HTML and PHP to design the website.
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5. George Weston is the new CIO for the GPSS.

6.   v.   University Relations Legislative Affairs Chair: **Shivani Ghaisas**

7. Senator Belding nominated for the post by GPSS President Zenko.
8. Senator Belding is the new URLA chair.

9.   vi.   Professional Advancement Grants Chair: **Muhammed Walugembe**

10. Muhammed is the new PAG chair as there was no objection.

11.   vii.   Research Conference Chair: **Akshit Peer**

12. Senator Weston stepped down as CIO. Huanjiao Dong agrees to be nominated again.
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14. Huanjiao Dong is the new CIO as there was no objection.

15. **VIII. Roll Call and Announcements**

16. GPSS Research chair Lawana: Thanks to the election committee members.
17. Senator Davis: CHS dean search committee member. Tomorrow on Wednesday.
18. Senator Prisacari: research conference coming up. Please volunteer.
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20. **IX. Adjournment**
21. **X. Voting Results**
22.   i.   http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/15-16/March/Vote/Results%20by%20Participant.html
23.   ii. http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/15-16/March/Vote/Results%20by%20Question.html