



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 31, 2015; 6:30 PM
South Ballroom, MU

I. Call to order 6:30 P.M.

i. Roll Call

ii. Statement of Quorum by Vice-President

iii. Approval of the Meeting Notes

The minutes of the previous meeting were misplaced due to a technical snag.

iv. Amendments to the Agenda

The Agenda was amended to add Senator Prisacari, A to Senate Forum.

II. Open Forum

i. Dr. Craig Ogilvie – Improving the climate at ISU

Graduate college wants an environment free of discrimination, 30% of grad students face discrimination based on gender/ethnicity as per survey.

The Multicultural center and Margaret Sloss women’s center are conducting workshops to discuss this.

Please contact Craig if you want it repeated in your group. A demo based on true events was then enacted and the actors stayed in character to answer a few questions:

Lucie, why don’t you intervene? — I want to stay out of the way of all this.

Prof, why did you act so? — Grad students are adults and can handle it themselves.

Prof, what is the university policy about students feeling insecure in your research group? — I have no idea about that.

Sasha, do you know if you can contact anyone else? —I feel uncomfortable talking with anyone else higher than my advisor.

Jane, have you considered to talk to both? —I don’t want any problem, the course is my requirement.

Eric, do you notice you’re treating Sasha differently? — Yes I do as the system is favoring Sasha. It annoys him that it’s not Sasha’s fault but the system’s.

Eric, why do you care for money if you are a grad student?

Eric, would you talk to Sasha one on one? — yes

Prof, don’t you think if the student complains to university administration it would be a needless hassle to your research and the work of your students? — I don’t think this issue is worthy of causing any trouble to my research.

Eric, do you have any personal enmity with Sasha? — No its just money.

Thanks to Chloe from MFA program for the dramatization. Few questions answered by

Dr Ogilvie:

Do the senators have to be actors? No, they’ll have trained facilitators.



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1 Do all the scripts are in-school or do they deal with out-of-school situations? — All
2 scripts are based on an in-school situation.
3 How long before we can carry out these workshops? — October.

4 III. Senate Forum

5 Senator Anna Prisacari from HCI:

6 Talked about the graduate writing center, the pilot project of which was approved by the
7 Provost. In addition, the GPSS has provided funding to procure several books needed for the
8 writing center.

9 If any senator wants to have a 40 min presentation about how to write effectively for
10 academic publications, please contact either Anna or Miss Elena Cotos (ecotos@iastate.edu)
11 including information about when and where would you like to have such a presentation.
12 The services provided by the Graduate Writing Center are free for all grad and professional
13 students. Students can also schedule a one-on-one appointment.

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15 Some questions answered by Anna:

16 GPSS President Zenko, Z: Did you put out a call for used books as required by the Senate? —
17 Yes we did, we didn't receive any response yet and we can repeat it.

18 Senator Lee, J: Are you also purchasing used books? --- The prices on the bill were for new, if
19 we can purchase used or get it from students we'd do that.

20 GPSS PAG Chair Perez, M B: Are you looking at used books on amazon? — We'll see if we can
21 get the books we want for cheaper. Any leftover funds will come back to GPSS.

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23 IV. Introduction of New Bills

24 i. Senate Bill F01-01: Ratifying the GPSS Constitution

25 V. Remarks and Reports

26 i. Report of the President

27 Senator Prisacari, A: any info about increase in fees? -- There is talk of increased fees or
28 tuition to improve the student health center, may relocate funds from building to
29 operations.

30 ii. Report of the Vice President

31 iii. Report of the Treasurer

32 iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer

33 GPSS President Zenko, Z: do we have anyone to maintain the GPSS LinkedIn group? –
34 Not yet.

35 v. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair

36 Senator Figueroa, A: what is the time commitment for various committees? – Monthly
37 once meetings.



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- 1 Senator Khosa, N: can we get a list of all committees with vacancies?—Yes, will send
2 email.
- 3 Senator Hsu, C: Point of clarification, any student, need not be senator can be a
4 representative. – Yes, that is true, please spread the word among your constituents.
- 5 vi. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
- 6 Senator Grover, A: Conflict of interest if I am on the PAG committee and am also a PAG
7 applicant?—You will not be evaluating yourself in that case.
- 8 vii. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
- 9 viii. Report of the Graduate GSB Senator
- 10 VI. Unfinished Business
- 11 i. None
- 12 VII. New Business
- 13 i. Senate Bill F01-01: Ratifying the GPSS Constitution
- 14 1. Senate Bill 15-01 Ratifying the constitution: Does not pass.
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- 16 Senator Zhang, H wants to reconsider his vote, senate agrees by vote.
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- 18 Senator Herr, J: how would you enforce 1 office hour a month? GPSS President Zenko,
19 Z— can't be enforced, to be acted in honor system.
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- 21 Senator Belding, M: if unenforceable, why in constitution?
22 If StuGov has provisions to enforce, why not GPSS? GPSS President Zenko, Z—Line
23 was put in constitution because senate voted to add it.
- 24 GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel, C: If you come up with a mechanism, that would be
25 great.
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- 27 GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel, C: grad students are not centralized, it's best for
28 senators to meet constituents in their respective departments or labs.
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- 30 Senator Hershberger M: It won't be practical to have meetings in MU.
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- 32 Senator from sociology(Sub): we should go by the honor system.
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- 34 Senator Walugembe M: Let's leave line there, reminder for senators to meet constituents.
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- 36 Senator Grover A: why 1 hour? Conflict of interest: if constituents can't meet me in my
37 office hour.
- 38 If the problem is reaching the constituents, then 1 hour won't solve it.
- 39 GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel, C: advertisement is always a problem.
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1 Senator Khosa N: Can the change be made so that constituents can meet their senator at
2 any time by mutual understanding and not a fixed hour.

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4 Senator Prisacari A: can debate very long, but it's upto senator how they keep in contact
5 with constituents.

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7 GPSS PAG Chair Perez, M B: it is "at least" 1 hour, it can be more. Try to make best.

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9 Sociology sub, call question. Vote > passes.

10 VIII. Announcements

- 11 1. GPSS President Zenko, Z: discussion was healthy.
- 12 2. Senator Duchimaza J: Latina/Latino student association has a social coming up.
- 13 3. GPSS Treasurer Rakitan, T J: call for regular allocations committee.
- 14 4. GPSS PAG Chair Perez, M B: encourage students to apply for PAG. have money for
15 october travel
- 16 5. GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel, C: GPSS typically meets on last monday of month. Next
17 meet is however on 21 Sep, therefore any new bills must be in by 9 Sep.
- 18 6. Senator Grover A: meeting minutes? - yes we do post.
- 19 7. Senator Prisacari, A: I take my own minutes relevant to my constituents and send them out
20 myself.
- 21 8. Senator Khosa, N: agenda can be shared.

22 IX. Adjournment

23 X. Voting Results:

- 24 i. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/15-16/August/Vote/Results%20by%20Participant.html>
- 25 ii. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/15-16/August/Vote/Results%20by%20Question.html>