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## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### **GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda**

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Monday, October 26, 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 52 present
  - iii. Approval of the Meeting Notes
  - iv. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum
  - i. Jenny Pollard – Marketing and Promotions – Recreation Services  
[www.recservices.iastate.edu](http://www.recservices.iastate.edu)
  - ii. If you pay activities, buildings fee, then you can use rec services for free. If not, you have to pay. Described facilities at state gym and equipment rental. Fitness & wellness program – personal trainer, smart start, also outdoor rec.
  - iii. New: Black light dodge ball in beyer – functional training room, squash racquetball.
  - iv. Large indoor track in lied rec. 20 basketball courts, volleyball etc.
  - v. Intramural sports events are open for students to play. Described battleship h2o. sign up even if you don't have a team and register as a free agent.
  - vi. Around 50 sports club in isu are helped by recservices.
  - vii. Group fitness classes: offer 120 different classes in a week, yoga, Zumba, strength training.
  - viii. Outdoor rec program: trips over winter fall spring break – camping, canoeing, rock climbing. Recservices pays 40% of the cost of the trip.
  - ix. You can rent canoes, kayaks, soccer kits etc also. Workshops also given like rock climbing, bike tuning
  - x. Brand new website of recservices
  - xi. Senator Walugembe: Question about swimming pool. There are times when there are classes going on in the state gym pool and the beyer hall pool is closed. Please stagger the time schedule so that people can access a pool. – We will note that.
  - xii. A Common misconception: fall is crowded. But usually its crowded in jan, feb. campus is getting crowded. Group fitness is very female-type, but it is for everyone, including yoga.
  - xiii. Senator Prisacari: dD you provide machines that can connect to the screens of our phones? Maybe the converter cord that achieves it can be rented out. Connectivity was



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- 1 available upto iphone 4 but not later. – It is hard for us to keep up with new technology.  
2 I'll check and if they can rent out cords. Maybe a mini-shelf.
- 3 xiv. Senator Prisacari: Policy for gym-use by family. Univ of Missouri allots one day each  
4 month for family gym use. Family hours sat sun : 2-5 pm. Not for free, have to buy a  
5 guest pass 6\$/day. I'll check on the free family day. Spouse is considered as an affiliate of  
6 ISU and hence can use the facility with the same fees that ISU students pay.
- 7 xv. Senator Davis: There has been good improvement in equipment. How were the new  
8 things funded? Increase in student fee? – I don't think its increasing student fee. All  
9 renovation was done using the student fee that the students passed a referendum for.  
10 Referendum alos asks for installing lights at some outdoor facilities.
- 11 xvi. GPSS President Zenko: Suggestion for group exercise without the mirrors. Social anxiety  
12 is a big hindrance for people to actually take part. – It is a hard demand to balance, as  
13 some people want to see their form. Have some classes without mirrors: mind body room  
14 in state gym.
- 15 xvii. GPSS CIO Agarwal: About adapter for the phone. It could be checked out with students'  
16 ISUcard. Question on parking? They use howe hall parking. Parking lot behind state gym  
17 is not open access parking. – There are some 2 hour limit slots beside the curb. There is a  
18 staff lot where you can park after 5:30. Any plan? – not known yet if there is any plan to  
19 increase parking specifically for state gym.
- 20 xviii. Senator Li- Question about outdoor recreation trip, tickets are subsidized, are they  
21 competitive? – Yes we subsidize and some trips fill their slots, some don't. Any plans to  
22 expand slots > 10 for a trip? –Could be, right now no such problem.
- 23 xix. GPSS PAG chair Mantilla Perez: There are some classes to explain what are healthy  
24 eating options, however the timing was not good for grad students. Also, how do you set  
25 price for lockers? – lockers are high in demand, people renew their locker subscriptions,  
26 some lockers are there for day use. Lied, most of the lockers are empty. Suggestion:  
27 Reduce the fee for beyer, lied lockers if they are going vacant.
- 28 xx. GPSS Vice-president Kleinheksel: If you have further questions, please email  
29 [recservices@iastate.edu](mailto:recservices@iastate.edu)
- 30 III. Senate Forum
- 31 i. Senator Ashton Archer - Graduate and Professional Student Rights
- 32 ii. We have faced different issues in our department, i.e., Mechanical Engineering. Many  
33 universities already have, such as U Col Boulder, U of Mich and UC SD, would like input  
34 on it.
- 35 iii. Degree requirements should be clearly communicated, grad student should know average  
36 time to degree, fair and equitable pay, feedback by advisors.



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- 1       iv.    Right to change faculty advisors and alternate supervision, changes in financial support
- 2            should be communicated in timely manner, right to professional treatment and
- 3            confidentiality
- 4        v.     Grad student shouldn't be working if their visa has lapsed.
- 5        vi.    Sign a contract specifying what is the time commitment
- 6        vii.  Bill also has responsibilities, high ethical standards, regular communication with advisor.
- 7        viii. Question: what obligation does university has to implement it? – This wouldn't just be
- 8            passed by us but then will be sent to Graduate college, they have a chapter 9 in the
- 9            graduate college handbook but it doesn't cover many things. There are a lot of grey areas.
- 10          If we support it then we can take it to graduate college.
- 11        ix.    GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel: We are working with the graduate council, would be
- 12            better if we pass a resolution after hearing their input.
- 13        x.     GPSS President Zenko: To eliminate confusion, the first subcommittee meeting for
- 14            updating chapter 9 is to be held on Nov 5. After that we will come back with feedback.
- 15        xi.    Senator Walugembe: The career retreat brought up some of these issues. Contact Karin in
- 16            graduate college career services to get to know what was discussed. About visa: its an
- 17            agreement between US and our national government. – we had issue of students were
- 18            legally not allowed to be in lab but the advisor asked them to.
- 19        xii.  Senator Prisacari: Another office to contact is the ombuds office. Another party to ask for
- 20            feedback. If you have problems, put a statement asking students to go to ombuds office.
- 21            How this document is circulated among students, many students don't know how to find
- 22            all the relevant information. Please make it a part of the orientation package or googling it
- 23            will just bring it up.
- 24        xiii. GPSS Research Conference chair Lawana: We did have discussion with Karin and Dr.
- 25            Ogilvie—how to restructure grad college handbook. I would like to be a part of it.
- 26    IV.   Introduction of New Bills
- 27        i.     Senate Bill F15-03 - Fall 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular
- 28            Allocations
- 29        ii.    GPSS Treasurer Rakitan introduces bill regarding Funding student organisations.
- 30    V.    Remarks and Reports
- 31        i.     Report of the President
- 32        ii.    Davis: can the new VP for diversity and inclusion meet us? – He can, when he assumes
- 33            office.
- 34        iii.  Senator Prisacari: Increase in student fee?
- 35        iv.    Has cyride used up surplus? – trust fund still has money. If surplus still there, then they
- 36            should not charge students. GPSS Treasurer Rakitan will make a report and bring it in the
- 37            next meeting.



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- 1 v. Nominations solicited for 6 specific committees .
- 2 vi. Senator Khosa: why the increase for international students? – disproportionate use of
- 3 services such as writing center, ISSO by international students.
- 4 vii. Senator Prisacari: Will part of the tuition go to the writing center? – not sure.
- 5 viii. They don't know where the money is going to.
- 6 ix. GPSS Research Conference chair Lawana: Provost went to each student clubs. Dan
- 7 Breitbarth, SG president is pushing to bring to the table where the money is going to go.
- 8 x. Senator: I went to a teaching conference and they are being able to charge more tuition
- 9 just because they can.
- 10 xi. Senator Rosenberg: I don't think the malintent is there.
- 11 xii. GPSS Research Conference chair Lawana: Univ of Iowa still has 5 to 6k \$ more fee than
- 12 us
- 13 xiii. Senator Walugembe: As executive committee, please ask for what are the funds explicitly
- 14 being used. – it will be a staggered increase. – hopefully our successors will continue to
- 15 be having this conversation.
- 16 xiv. GPSS Vice President: There is no reason to disinvite the 20+ student groups that Provost
- 17 has contacted.
- 18 xv. Senator Johnston: Instead of increasing just the international fee, has the university
- 19 thought about increasing fees for all the students?
- 20 xvi. Senator Proano-Aviles: The decision has been taken. No clarity on where the money is
- 21 being used. We should have a committee to oversee how the expense is made. – great
- 22 suggestion
- 23 xvii. GPSS PAG chair Mantilla Perez: Maybe we should not charge them in the first semester.
- 24 Tons of deposits because of no credit scores. Other suggestions were made and we hope
- 25 they implement them.

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27 Senator: I'd like to know if the 20+ student associations that provost has talked to are  
28 official. I don't think they are.

29 GPSS Research Conference chair Lawana: We will send a list of students from GPSS,  
30 ISC, international ambassadors, ISSO to the committee that gives feedback to the provost.  
31 We have representation in terms of where the tuition goes, not about whether the fee is  
32 charged or not. There is precedent. The international matriculation fee was raised but  
33 because of opposition from students, the fee was not assessed.

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35 Senator Prisacari: When was the international fee discussed in the committee, special  
36 student fee committee and how did the GPSS president and treasurer vote on it?



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- 1 It was not brought up in the SSFC. SG president, GPSS president and GPSS Treasurer  
2 never voted on it. It is a big problem.
- 3 Senator Johnson: This is an extremely important discussion and comparison is made to  
4 other Iowa universities. I don't know if that is a fair comparison, taking into account  
5 international student representation at ISU.
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- 7 Senator Belding: What purpose does it serve to not tell students so that they can discuss  
8 the matter that affects all students.
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- 10 Senator Prisacari: Can anyone pass a resolution, saying that they do not like the way this  
11 issue has been handled?
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- 13 GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel: Please contact Anna if you're interested in co-  
14 sponsoring the senate resolution.
- 15 xviii. Report of the Vice President
- 16 xix. Very good discussion. Rules committee found FC bill to be favourable.
- 17 xx. Report of the Treasurer
- 18 xxi.
- 19 xxii. Report of the Chief Information Officer
- 20 xxiii. Senator Weston: how many senators are currently here? – 52. Clarifications about  
21 quorum, is affected by how many people are seated.
- 22 xxiv. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
- 23 xxv. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
- 24 xxvi. Senator Davis: Question about amount awarded. Maybe amount can be increased and  
25 lesser number of students be funded. Clarifications—senate had voted past year on this.  
26 Senator Weston: questions about priority 1? Is the odds affected by whether you are  
27 presenting or not? No.
- 28 Senator Ouyang: How can we spend money and where to spend money? – Money can be  
29 used for accommodation or travel expenses. Jan and Nov are very high demand months.
- 30 Senator Proano-Aviles: Question about Margaret Ellen White faculty award. Is it only 1  
31 per department? –According to guidelines, as many applications are allowed as the  
32 number of senators representing the department, if there are more applications I will ask  
33 what will happen then.
- 34 xxvii. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
- 35 xxviii. GPSS Vice President Kleinheksel: Vote on who we want to see in open forum:  
36 Housing > Cyride > Parking.
- 37 xxix. Report of the Graduate SG Senator



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- 1 a. Senator Weston: Resolution dealing with diversity, pushing forward 5-point plan. ISU
- 2 police take multicultural liaison officer, diversity awareness course to be developed like
- 3 title 9 training, multicultural center should be clearly visible, students who are not
- 4 fluent in English, safe zone program for multicultural students, need to promote that.
- 5 b. Neil Vuzeau: Going to talk to senator quirnbach to talk about the tax cut for grad
- 6 students [npvezeau@iastate.edu](mailto:npvezeau@iastate.edu)
- 7 c. Senator Prisacari: How many people participated in the survey indicating interest? –
- 8 10% of all grad students.

### 9 VI. Unfinished Business

- 10 i. None

### 11 VII. New Business

- 12 i. Senate Bill F15-03 - Fall 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular
- 13 Allocations
- 14 ii. Senator Rista: friendly amendment.
- 15 iii. Why friendly amendment? GPSS Treasurer Rakitan —fault in excel. Friendly, it was a
- 16 typo and not an intentional increase. Please forward original documents to senator Nadia
- 17 Jaramillo
- 18 iv. GPSS President Zenko- Request to maintain decorum in senate proceedings.
- 19 v. Senator Weston—Did the FC vote yes on the higher amount? – allocation process is a bit
- 20 complex than that.
- 21 vi. Call to question > vote passes.

### 22 VIII. Announcements

23 Senator Davis: College human sciences dean search committee – if any comments please

24 contact [davisn@iastate.edu](mailto:davisn@iastate.edu) .

25 Senator Duchimaza: Name change of student body against bigotry to LUCHAS.

### 26 IX. Adjournment

### 27 X. Voting Results

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