

**Graduate and Professional Student Senate Executive Council
April Remarks and Reports**

I. Report of the President

1. Shared governance (I will bring printouts).
 - a. Should we put forward a bill?
2. New ISSO director is Krista McCallum Beatty from Ohio University. Starting on May 24.
3. Grad alumni gathering was organized at 5pm on the day of GPSRC. Unfortunately, none of the alumni showed up even though they RSVP'ed.
4. Update-
 - a. SCS and MU directors search going on.
5. Recap of past year-
 - a. Initiatives
 - i. Graduate alumni association
 - ii. Leadership award from Grad college (still in progress)
 - iii. Annual assessment from grad students (still in process)
 - b. Committees
 - i. Special Students Fees and Tuition Committee
 - ii. University Budget Advisory Committee
 - iii. Graduate Council
 - iv. Memorial Union Board of Directors (Vice President)
 - v. Student Affairs Advisory Board
 - vi. University Services Advisory Committee
 - c. Search teams
 - i. Director, Student Wellness Office
 - ii. Wellness Manager
 - iii. Associate Vice President/Dean of Students
 - iv. Director, International Students and Scholars Office
 - v. Director, Student Counseling Services
 - vi. Director, Memorial Union
 - d. Other activities
 - i. Committee on supporting graduate students and their families
 - ii. Strategic Plan Climate Study Workgroup (Presidential strategic plan 4) from office of Diversity and Inclusion
 - iii. ISU CIRTL_AGEP group on graduate inclusion workshops
 - iv. ISU mental health and suicide prevention task force with Dr. Harmon
 - v. Part of MU renovation and referendum task
 - vi. Participated in bringing GreenDot Program to campus to fight against sexual misconduct. The program will be introduced in Fall 2017
 - vii. Senator-at-large scholarships
 - viii. Shared governance initiatives (still in progress)

II. Report of the Vice President

1. I am working with the Memorial Union to get the Campanile Room or the South Ballroom for the fall semester.
2. I will be meeting with Dr. Ogilvie and Debra Marquet about the Campaign of Welcome.

3. I have received suggestions for updates to the governing documents for next year. These recommendations include changing/updating pronouns used and introducing language to make senators more responsible and accountable.
4. Thank you all for coming to the social on Friday! We had a great turnout.

III. Report of the Treasurer

- a. Nothing to report

IV. Report of the Chief Information Officer

- a. Nothing to report.

V. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair

- a. Updates about Faculty Senate and open access.

VI. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair

1. We had a successful conference on April 12, 2017.
2. List of award winners:

Oral (\$150 each)

Poojya Anantharam	Veterinary Diag & Prod Animal Med
Michael Hoefler	Industrial and Manufacturing Systems
Krista Klocke	English
Fei Xu	Mechanical Engineering
Qingyun Li	Animal Science

Poster (\$150 each)

Shaunik Sharma	Biomedical Sciences
Nicholas Lambrecht	Geological and Atmospheric Sciences
Alex Renner	Mechanical Engineering
Tania Leung	Geological and Atmospheric Sciences
Ashley St. Clair	Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology

3 Minute Thesis (\$250 each)

Melika Kordrostami	Business Administration
Stephanie Oyola-Reynoso	Materials Science and Engineering
Race Higgins	Agronomy

Case Competition (\$100 each)

Raghul Ethiraj	Business Administration
James Krouse	Business Administration
Ashish Sharma	Business Administration
Allan Francis	Business Administration

Impactful Innovation (\$300 each)

Andrew Verhasselt	Industrial Design
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3. All the award winners have been notified. Please work with the GPSS Treasurer to sign the paperwork for getting paid.
4. Please share any feedback on the conference with me. I would pass it on to the next conference chair.
5. Thanks to all the volunteers for helping with this event. Without your help, it would not have been possible to conduct this event smoothly and in timely manner.

VII. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair

- i. Distribution of PAGs was accordance with the PAG policy
 - a. Priority 1 applicants that applied for the remaining months in the current fiscal year (July, 2016 – June, 2017) were approved. There are sufficient funds for priority 2 applicants, and applications for May, 2017 will be processed on April 15, after 5:00pm.
 - b. Both priority 1 and 2 were funded in the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year. Although the lottery system is present in our current procedure, it was not used because we had sufficient funds for both categories of applicants.
 - c. The PAG Chair-elect will implement the \$200 PAG for the next fiscal year (July, 2017 – June, 2018). Thanks to GPSS that passed the \$20 increment for next fiscal year PAGs.
- ii. The PAG committee successfully evaluated the GPSS research, teaching, and leadership awards. Winner were recognized at the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC).
 - a. Research award winners
 1. Shivani Ghaisas
 2. Akshit Peer
 3. Ahmad Alsharoa
 4. Yuming Zhuang
 5. Neeva Benipal
 - b. Teaching award winners
 1. Sreemoyee Acharya
 2. Robert Lee Lazar
 3. Alireza Sassani
 4. Nur Hidayah Che-Ahmat
 5. Caglar Yildirim

- c. Leadership award winners:
 - 1. Claire Kortyna
 - 2. Brian Squitieri
 - 3. Katlyn
 - 4. George H. Weston
 - 5. Maria Betsabe Mantilla Perez

- iii. There was a delay in the evaluation of the Wakonse fellowship because of the extended deadline. Winners will be recognized at the GPSS April meeting during open Forum.

- iv. Training of the PAG Chair-elect is ongoing and he is expected to take full charge by May, 2017.

Thanks to the PAG committee for the tremendous work done during the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year. Because of your hard work, there has been significant achievements. I am confident the PAG Chair-elect will quickly adapt to his new role.

VIII. Report of the Student Government At-Large Senators