



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

#### Remarks and Reports

#### I. Report of the President

- i. I attended the SCAVMA meeting at VetMed regarding a rec facility at CVM. I also discussed this issue with director of recreation services and SVP Dr. Harmon. I will be working more on it, starting December. Your inputs/ suggestions are very welcome!
- ii. During the meeting with Dr. Ogilvie, (Asst. Dean of Grad College), he mentioned that he/grad college would like to start some conversation for group of graduate students (and post docs) who are with families. If you are interested in participating in this, then please let me know. We will be meeting soon with other university administration to start this conversation.
- iii. Please see the link for proposed fee increase for international students-  
[http://www.iowaregents.edu/media/cms/1016\\_ITEM08\\_F5AE7D052893B.pdf](http://www.iowaregents.edu/media/cms/1016_ITEM08_F5AE7D052893B.pdf)

#### II. Report of the Vice President

- i. Lesya Hassall of CELT donated 12 clickers and this saved GPSS from purchasing 20 of them for \$700.
- ii. Mid-semester social is in planning for mid of November.
- iii. Articles of Cooperation are being updated; please find the latest copy at  
[http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/About%20US/Constitution%20and%20Bylaws/Articles\\_of\\_Cooperation.pdf](http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/About%20US/Constitution%20and%20Bylaws/Articles_of_Cooperation.pdf) and send me any comments that you may have.

#### III. Report of the Treasurer

- i. GPSS Fall Regular Allocations Update: A total of 19 applications were submitted. Below is the summary of the FC review.

App ID	Organization	Requested	Funded	Comment
136	American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$300 for "Anesthesia Drugs"
150	Community and Regional Planning Graduate Student Club	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	\$300 for regular club meeting food
140	Computer Science Graduate Student Organization	\$4,430.00	\$800.00	A lot of food requested; only 50% of request can be for food
135	Feral Cat Alliance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
138	Graduate Meteorology Club	\$842.00	\$842.00	
143	Graduate Research in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology (GREBE)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
134	Graduate Studnets in History	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
142	HDFS Graduate Student Network	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$460 of unspent prior funds and only \$400 of fundable projects



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148	Immunobiology Graduate Student Organization	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	
149	Integrative Medicine Club	\$960.00	\$0.00	100% food requested
P01	Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Club	\$263.80	\$264.00	
146	Iowa State-ers	\$1,000.00	\$320.00	\$350 of unspent prior funds and only \$670 of fundable projects
139	ISU CVM SCACVP	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500 of unspent prior funds
141	ISU VBMA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
P02	Math Graduate Student Organization	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
137	Microbiology Graduate Student Organization	\$874.00	\$859.00	\$15 for permanent fixture (poster board)
145	Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Dental Society	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$787 of unspent prior funds and \$0 of fundable projects
144	Toxicology Graduate Student Organization	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
147	Veterinary Public Health Club	\$342.5	\$0.00	Withdrew as of 9/23
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19,262.30</b>	<b>\$11,985.00</b>	

- 1 ii. There was a total of \$17,000 budgeted for Fall Allocations, and \$5,015 will be rolled into  
 2 Spring Allocations instead. Big thanks to all FC members and Steven Valentino (SG FC)  
 3 that helped out the review of the allocation request. Please encourage your constituency to  
 4 apply for Spring Allocations!

#### 5 IV. Report of the Chief Information Officer

6 Students, Faculty and Staff can use Techstarter at any time to submit ideas for technology-based projects  
 7 that benefit student learning.

8 The Computation Advisory Committee (CAC), the student and faculty group that oversees funding  
 9 expenditures collected through the student technology fee, use Iowa State's crowdsourcing process called  
 10 [Techstarter](#) to identify ideas for funding technology-based projects that benefit student learning.

11 Techstarter was introduced in 2014 to help identify technology wants and needs on campus. Since  
 12 February 2015, CAC has taken advantage of this platform to lower the barrier for idea submission for  
 13 possible funding instead of the traditional request for proposal process.

14 All students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to use Techstarter to:



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- 1       • Submit an idea (No official proposal is needed at this stage. Providing some guidance on cost and
- 2       impact are highly recommend)
- 3       • Like an idea
- 4       • Support and comment on an idea
- 5       • Follow an idea (receive email notifications when the idea receives comments or status changes)

6 During the Spring and Fall semesters, CAC members review Techstarter proposals at their monthly  
7 committee meetings. Selected ideas are assigned a facilitator to help build formal proposals for committee  
8 review. Ideas the committee doesn't act on will remain on Techstarter for other campus groups or  
9 individuals to observe or pick up for themselves.

10 To learn more details about CAC's new Techstarter proposal process, visit CAC's [web site](#).

### 11 **V. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair**

- 12       i. A committee is being created to review Library 160, the information literacy course that is
- 13       mandatory for undergraduate students and designed for them. It is sometimes perceived as
- 14       ineffective, but my inclination would be to expand it out into a full course with discipline-
- 15       appropriate material, rather than the current proposition to make it a 3-week portion of a
- 16       "Cyclones 101" orientation kind of course. This may be a good time to bring up graduate
- 17       student library education, since there is no formal program and the library constantly
- 18       discusses how it can better serve graduate students, especially since we come from every
- 19       kind of college and university and have vastly different exposure to different kinds of
- 20       libraries.
- 21       ii. University committees continue to be filled; please see the list on the website for more
- 22       information. Committees with open seats are: the Faculty Senate's Facilities and
- 23       Educational Resources Committee, LEARN Steering Committee, Students and Scholars
- 24       Health Insurance Review Committee, University Committee on Disabilities, University
- 25       Committee on Lectures, and the University Sexual Misconduct Leadership Committee.

### 26 **VI. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair**

- 27       i. Distribution of PAGs in accordance with the PAG policy
- 28       a. All applicants, both priorities 1 and 2 that applied for November conferences/meetings
- 29       before the deadlines (October 15th, 5:00pm) were approved.
- 30       b. November applications:
  - 31           1. Submission total: 121
  - 32           2. Approved priority 1: 49
  - 33           3. Approved priority 2: 70
  - 34           4. Denied:4 (2 had already received a PAG grant within the fiscal year and 2 applied
  - 35           past the deadline)
- 36       c. Leftover funds moved from November to December: \$ 7,999.24
- 37       ii. Nomination forms for the Margaret Ellen White Faculty award are due on November 18th,
- 38       2016 at 11:59pm. Full list of nominated professors will be presented in our November



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1 senator meeting. Only department senators should forward a pdf nomination form to  
2 [gpsspag@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsspag@iastate.edu). See link for the details of the award: [http://www.grad-](http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white_award/)  
3 [college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white\\_award/](http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white_award/)

### 4 **VII. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair**

- 5 i. Keynote speaker finalized – Dr. Shashi Buluswar
- 6 a. Dr. Buluswar is the CEO of the Institute for Transformative Technologies and the  
7 founder of the LIGTT Institute at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. He is the lead  
8 author of the recently released groundbreaking study to identify the “The 50 most  
9 critical scientific & technological breakthroughs required for sustainable global  
10 development”.
- 11 b. He is also a faculty member in Berkeley Haas School of Business and has been  
12 associated with USDOE Lawrence Berkeley National Lab.
- 13 c. Profile - [http://transformativetechnologies.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/SHASHI-](http://transformativetechnologies.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/SHASHI-BULUSWAR-Brief-Bio1.pdf)  
14 [BULUSWAR-Brief-Bio1.pdf](http://transformativetechnologies.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/SHASHI-BULUSWAR-Brief-Bio1.pdf)
- 15 d. Please spread the word regarding the keynote speaker in your department or academic  
16 unit.
- 17 ii. Case competitions with College of Business (COB) finalized. They are very enthusiastic to  
18 have this included in our program. COB will facilitate organizing the mini case competition  
19 on the conference day. It will go parallel with our 2 oral sessions.
- 20 iii. Finalized the main structure of the conference program including the time-slots for each  
21 workshop and the keynote speaker.
- 22 iv. Finalized the submissions guidelines for the conference. Will be opening the call for papers  
23 in early December – will send emails once submissions open. Working on  
24 updating/revising the submission forms and links.