



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Remarks and Reports

I. Report of the President

- i. Graduate students diversity climate survey report- http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/grad_reports/13/
- ii. I had a combined meeting with Dr. Ogilvie, Dr. Graves and Judy regarding implementing the tool to assess and help grad students (esp. Ph.D. students) with their degree progress.
 - a. Implement a decision tree-style survey.
 - b. Difficult to implement this tool on AccessPlus.
 - c. I talked to Provost about this initiative, he suggested to see other mechanisms by which we can create awareness among graduate student community.
- iii. I had second meeting with Alumni Association regarding Grad Alumni Association
 - a. They really liked the idea
 - b. I need to create the draft on what it would look like and what are the benefits of having one.
 - c. They want to meet Grad college once they see my draft.
- iv. MU feasibility and remodeling update.
 - a. They have created three different options with \$107.00 being the lowest fees and \$125.00 being the higher fee per student per semester.
- v. Graduate Council November Report-
 - a. A long discussion on ‘over-aging time-line’ for grad courses.
 - b. Cyclone 101 (a new class to replace LIB 160)
 - 1. The committee with Keith Robinder and Dave Holger will assess the potential for grad and undergrads
 - 2. Oriantation course- might be a required course for all new students
- vi. Four finalists for AVP/DS are coming on campus for interviews this week. Please be encouraged to attend the Public forums- <http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/candidates-on-campus-for-associate-vice-president-and-dean-of-students/#more-3889>

II. Report of the Vice President

- i. Special thanks to Senator Duchimaza for chairing the October meeting.
- ii. GPSS December Social is planned for December 2nd at Es Tas from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
 - a. Thanks to Treasurer John and Senator Mantilla Perez for their help.
- iii. Graduate Spring orientation is planned for January 12th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

III. Report of the Treasurer

- i. GPSS December Social: Please see below for the proposed budget for the December social. The total budget for this line item is \$900.

| Description | Cost Per Unit | # of Units | Total |
|----------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| Tacos | \$2.00 | 400 | \$800.00 |
| Soda (Pitcher) | \$6.00 | 15 | \$90.00 |
| Total | | | \$890.00 |



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- ii. Budget Discussion: Reminder for the Finance Committee members, the budget discussion will occur in January. Please look out for e-mail from me during the break. Also, if anyone is interested in participating in the budget discussion, please e-mail me.
- iii. Have a great holiday season! See you all in the new year =)

IV. Report of the Chief Information Officer

- i. Call for Election and Operation Committee members.
- ii. Any questions about current website, please email CIO.

V. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair

- i. Most of the committees are filled.

VI. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair

- i. Distribution of PAGs in accordance with the PAG policy
 - a. All applicants, both priorities 1 and 2 that applied for December conferences/meetings before the deadlines (November 15th, 5:00 pm) were approved.
 - b. December applications:
 - 1. Submission total: 51
 - 2. Approved priority 1: 30
 - 3. Approved priority 2: 18
 - 4. Denied: 3 (1 had already received a PAG grant within the fiscal year and 2 submitted late)
 - c. Leftover funds moved from December to January: \$ 10,219.24
- ii. Nomination forms for the Margaret Ellen White Faculty award were due on November 18th, 2016 at 11:59pm. The PAG committee will meet on Friday, December 2nd, 2016 to discuss the criteria for the evaluation of this award. The best six candidates will be forwarded to the graduate college by mid-January. List of nominated professors and their respective departments is as below:

| | FACULTY | DEPARTMENT |
|----|---------------------|--|
| 1 | Brent Danielson | Ecology and Evolutionary Biology |
| 2 | Michael Retallick | Agricultural Education and Studies |
| 3 | Stephen Dinsmore | Natural Resource Ecology and Management |
| 4 | Dan Nettleton | Statistics |
| 5 | Ahmed Kamal | Electrical and Computer Engineering |
| 6 | Theodore Heindel | Mechanical Engineering |
| 7 | Scott Hansen | Mathematics |
| 8 | Gretchen Ann Mosher | Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering |
| 9 | Francis Owusu | Community and Regional Planning |
| 10 | Lance Baumgard | Animal Science |
| 11 | Mark Ackermann | Veterinary Pathology |
| 12 | Stephen Gilbert | Industrial Manufacturing Systems and Engineering |
| 13 | Tera Jordan | Human Development and Family Studies |
| 14 | Yan-Bin Jia | Computer Science |
| 15 | Balaji Narasimhan | Chemical and Biological Engineering |



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| 16 | Wendy White | Food Science and Human Nutrition |
| 17 | Alan Robertson | Biomedical Sciences |
| 18 | John Levis | English |
| 19 | Gregory Welk | Kinesiology |
| 20 | Brenda Lohman | Family Consumer Sciences |
| 21 | Sara Marcketti | Apparel, Events and Hospitality Management |
| 22 | Jeramy Ashlock | Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering |
| 23 | Isaac Gottesman | School of Education |

iii. N.B: Please check the list and let me know if I missed the faculty from your department.

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

- i. Afternoon keynote speaker finalized: Ms. Kim Pastega, Vice President, Boeing Defense Space and Security.
- ii. Conference website has been updated with most current details. Please have a look and provide feedback: <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/research-conference>
- iii. Submission form is ready for abstract submission. Planning to open the call for abstracts in first week of December. I will send out the email along with the flyer. Please spread the word among your constituents and encourage them to submit the abstracts.