

- I. Call to order 6:31 P.M.
  - i. Roll Call
  - ii. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
  - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from October
  - iv. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum (40 Min)
  - i. Steve Carter – Director, ISU Research Park – [stc@iastate.edu](mailto:stc@iastate.edu)
    - i. Archer: How does this get paid for? (e.g., money to build buildings before companies are lined up)
    - ii. Carter: Some of infrastructure, city and state are helpful; when the Research Park which is a private not-for-profit wants to build, borrow from a bank like any other
    - iii. Tripathy: Are finances publicly available?
    - iv. Carter: Yes. Would provide upon request.
    - v. Tripathy: Strongly suggest showing on website
    - vi. Vice President: Speakers should introduce selves
    - vii. Poosarla: How can students take advantage, get involved?
    - viii. Carter: Job listings, Pappajohn Center’s programs re: entrepreneurship, connection of companies to departments
    - ix. Cordova: If any of these companies are working at the RP, do they give service to the university?
    - x. Carter: Not really a special rate involved, but university has allowed companies 3 years/under to access on-campus analytical instrumentation at same rate as faculty – very few resources, want to encourage them
    - xi. Ibore: Are there opportunities for people to visit the research park and be oriented to what goes on there?
    - xii. Carter: Have not done a good job of bringing the community in. Have had a number of events and are happy to host groups. Keep an eye on website for events and their promotion.
    - xiii. VP: Could invite RP to graduate student orientation. What is the relationship to the NSF?
    - xiv. Carter: Aware of NSF, they have a source for SPIRs for start-ups, they do provide funding for many RP companies
  - ii. Deb Vance – Interim Director, ISSO – [dvance@iastate.edu](mailto:dvance@iastate.edu)
    - i. Senator: Speeding ticket affects immigration status?
    - ii. Vance: Depends on the kind, whether there were substances, etc. involved. An ordinary traffic ticket probably wouldn’t be a big issue. U.S. has a list of “crimes of moral turpitude” – not indicative of someone who has good moral character. Nature of arrest may rise to that level and create problems.
    - iii. Poosarla: Where do we find information about updates?
    - iv. Vance: ISSO website is trying in “Resources” section – not a lot currently out there
    - v. Dixit: If an int’l student does get arrested and wants legal services, will ISSO help/provide those?

- vi. Vance: Unless there is an adversarial issue with the university, will assist; if still can't, will connect to services that can
- vii. Vice President: What about OPT status?
- viii. Vance: If have a valid visa, no problem; context of visa interview and intention to return home
- ix. Duchimaza: Encourage ISSO to be more proactive than reactive – get int'l students what they need, advocate better treatment, departments/professors/police
- x. Tripathy: University planning significant raise to cost for int'l students, justified re: services provided especially to them – is the ISSO part of this program, or will there be updates describing what the new initiatives will be? How would those be publicized?
- xi. Vance: ISSO did benefit to enhance int'l student programs, two new positions for int'l student advisers, enhanced orientation. What would you like to see?
- xii. Tripathy: A posting on the web would be a starting point. Regular emails by ISSO could include that.

### III. Senate Reports: (40 Min)

- i. Report of the President
  - i. President: Not in report, but was brought to attention at last meeting that many senators were working on other things, including social media. We meet once/month, so take this seriously. Share your opinions, ask questions, be respectful to the senate.
  - ii. Neu: As a point of clarification, won't departments require Ph.D. students to do a satisfaction survey?
  - iii. President: Not all will, not all will do anything with it, forms aren't really confidential (conflicts of interest, can be obvious who is at issue and who the student is). Suggest 1-7 scale, if in 1-3 range go to additional questions to obtain more information, then asking about contacting DOGE, Ombudsman, Graduate College, etc.
  - iv. Hoover: Would the new Cyclones 101 course be mandatory for students who continued from undergraduate?
  - v. President: Administration do not know, but would probably not require it for such cases – mainly for university orientation
  - vi. Dixit: Credit value?
  - vii. President: Kind of replacing the library course, possibly no credits at all
  - viii. Senator: Re: climate survey, do you know if the GC is looking for ways to increase the safety feeling? Procedure?
  - ix. President: GC is doing a lot, esp. Ogilvie
  - x. Senator: Re: satisfaction, will anything be done with information? Resources already exist to deal with these problems.
  - xi. President: Target issues to appropriate offices, share appropriate information immediately when doing the survey, generate emails automatically, etc. – would be helpful for reaching out.
  - xii. Singh: Re: Cyclone 101, inclusion of graduate faculty in the course, to make them aware and instruct their students accordingly?

- xiii. President: Still in talks; would be from Admission and probably automatically added to schedules; DOGE as point of contact
- ii. Report of the Vice President
  - i. VP: Thanks to Duchimaza for chairing last meeting. Announcement re: Friday's social, encourage constituents to attend. Graduate orientation for January is being planned. Announcing resignation due to health, will have an election if there is at least one nomination. Mention of Articles of Cooperation.
- iii. Report of the Treasurer
  - i. Treasurer: social on Friday, encourage people to come eat the 400 tacos; we've been underspending our social budget. If you want to participate in the budgeting process, email me (will occur over Winter Break).
  - ii. Senator: Hartman: Social on Friday is for all graduate students? How to prove status?
  - iii. Treasurer: Yes.
  - iv. VP: Ask who major professor is, undergrads have no idea
- iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer
  - i. CIO: Want to call for committee members. Any questions about website/other, please get in touch.
- v. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
- vi. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
  - i. PAG: Encourage applications. Fewer late applications this year. Criteria for evaluation for faculty award? Fill out the form to best of your ability.
  - ii. Tripathy: Just to be clear, criteria are decided before application?
  - iii. PAG: Absolutely.
  - iv. Dixit: Noting moving of money from one month to another. Is there an opportunity to raise amount of money given?
  - v. Treasurer: Last year in budgeting we had a surplus, so we decided to offer more money for PAGs this year in November and March. Had been denying quite a few, so dealt with it (ensure higher percentage of funding) by adding an arbitrary amount.
  - vi. Singh: Re: faculty award, How should we select who we want to nominate from the several we would want to?
  - vii. PAG: Approach to the award was fair ground for all department. Must come to consensus.
  - viii. Yu: Re; faculty award, notice that one requirement for selection is that have to advised three students and served on six committees, curious for reason
  - ix. PAG: Should be on committees within Iowa State; looking at it from faculty-student interaction, having graduated students, and so on re: serving students (i.e., reach)
  - x. President: award is generally re: what they have done for faculty-student interaction across campus, indicate a superior f-s relationship
  - xi. Yu: If they cannot compete, why not let them apply?
  - xii. President: Need minimum criteria
  - xiii. Yu: Purpose of the award was what?

- xiv. President: Reading from GC, recognize superior performance effectiveness of mentoring major prof who enriches and → finishing timely/scholarly work. I.e., helps them be professionally successful. This is the only GPSS award.
- xv. Senator: What if I want to nominate a professor but will also be reviewing them?
- xvi. Archer: In my department we have multiple senators so when we discussed it and with our department student association, just have to choose to be unbiased.
- xvii. Lee: Am also a single rep, consult with department chair
- xviii. Cordova: Rubric?
- vii. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
- viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator
- ix. Report of Special Committees
- IV. Senate Forum (30 Min)
  - i. None
- V. Unfinished Business
  - i. None
- VI. New Business
  - i. Senate Bill F16-06: Revising the Articles of Cooperation (30 Min)
    - i. Introduction/explanation of the bill
    - ii. Nielsen: What is the history of the fee breakdown?
    - iii. VP: Have seen continual discussion on this point. Every time a discussion opens there is danger of GPSS losing money, which would be very significant for PAGs.
    - iv. Archer: Can we ask for more?
    - v. VP: Yes, if you want to open it up.
    - vi. Archer: Would be good to have that extra money, especially to give a stipend for the GPSS/SG senator
    - vii. President: Just to answer, when I was a first-time senator, GPSS got 30%, then 40%, now 50%. SG also represents us, and a much of what they fund (e.g., CyRide) helps us.
    - viii. Bill passes
- VII. Elections for Vice-President
  - i. [previous nomination of Niloo Parvin (Z. Parvinashtiani)]
  - ii. Nomination of Archer, accepted
  - iii. Nomination of Duchimaza, declined
  - iv. Nomination of Flax, declined
  - v. President: request Vet Med senators, if interested
  - vi. [candidate speeches]
  - vii. Election of Archer
- VIII. Roll Call and Announcements
  - i. President: Thank you to Bharat for serving as VP
  - ii. VP: Am not happy having to resign, but good luck for the rest of the year
  - iii. GPSRC: Submission will open next week, stay open until end Jan/begin Feb

- iv. DuPont: Can the CIO clarify? There was no deadline, anything from the elections committee.
- v. President: Happened very quickly due to the nature of the situation and GPSS until January, so we sent the email beforehand. There is actually no guideline for replacing an officer who resigns. Sincere the is no elections committee, the CIO is the committee.

IX. Adjournment