

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE  
EXECUTIVE REPORTS  
APRIL 16, 2018

PRESIDENT

1. Some of the initiatives of past year-
  - o Graduate student appreciation week/wellness week
  - o Graduate Alumni Association Special Interest Society
  - o Meet your deans
  - o Served on several search committees, including president search committee
  - o Other committees- SSFTC, UBAC, Student affairs search committee

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Spring Social at Perfect Games
  - a. Bigger attendance than expected based on the forecast, so thank you to everyone that attended. Received some excellent feedback.
  - b. I want to thank Senators Bridget Perry & Alyssa Yanni from the social committee for coming out early and helping. It really helped with organization and being able to take care of all of the logistics with Perfect Games before the event started.
2. Chapter 9 Graduate Student Rights & Responsibilities vote will be taking place this Wednesday at Graduate Council, so expect an email with a report of both how that vote turns out and when it is approved by higher.
3. Rules Committee
  - a. I want to thank Senators Daniel Nielsen, Emelie Curl, Katherine Taylor, and Qingyun Li for their work on the Rules Committee. Our governing documents are cleaner documents and we made leaps in addressing the issue of attendance in GPSS for the sake students in programs feel represented. I also received a lot of information that helped with the drafting of the Articles of Cooperation that led to GPSS gaining a greater share of graduate and professional student activity fees.

TREASURER

- This year we had a rough economic year. This is the first time in 5 years that the graduate and professional population decreased. This was also the first year that we needed to make cuts to the GPSS budget.

What has been accomplished?

- We were able to serve 582 graduate and professional students, supporting them to attend to conferences through PAG (\$116,500). Even though \$200 is a small amount per student, proving that students can get some money is detrimental in order to get extra money from certain departments and programs. It also serve alleviate somehow the high expenses of attending conferences.

- We were able to serve 45 Graduate and Professional Student Organizations / Clubs across campus supporting their professional and educational activities with regular and special allocations (\$30,941.70).
- This was the first year that GPSS provides scholarships to our three Graduate Student Government Senators for their time commitment and contributions representing the entire graduate and professional population in Student Government (\$1,000).
- We were able to still provide a monetary award to the 15 GPSS Teaching, Research, and Leadership Awardees (\$3,000) and the five Wakonse Awardees (\$3,500).
- We had three wonderful social events that were well attended by graduate and professional students, and their families (\$4,579,84)
- We delivered a successful GPSS Research Conference (~ \$15,000)

What did I learn in this position?

- We need to work close with the Graduate College and have proactive communications with Student Government. By doing so, we were able to accomplish the following:
  - Allocation of a one-time support from the Graduate College for \$9,000 that will allow us to continue serving graduate and professional students through PAG and the Research Conference. Big thanks to Dr. Gaves for his support!
  - Increase in the proportion of the Student Activity Fee from Graduate and Professional Students. For FY2019, increase of 4% translates in about \$10,000. Big thanks to our VP, George Weston, and our Graduate Student Government Senators: Humair, Norin, and Julie for their extraordinary work!
- The GPSS Treasurer has to be vocal during the Special Student Tuition and Fees Committee (SSFTC). I have represented the interest of the Graduate Students, trying to avoid as much as possible an increase in the fees for FY2019. However, the next Treasurer will have a hard time considering all the cuts the university has received from the State.
- The GPSS Treasurer needs to be transparent with the Senate and has to show the state of the budget. The Senate needs to know about incomes and expenses.
- It would have been impossible to do a good job without the support of all the wonderful and active members of the Finance Committee!! All of them came and contribute in the Finance Committee meetings (3 to 4 hours each) and helped in the preparation of bills from our committee. Big Thanks to:
  - Katherine Taylor
  - Joshua Wolanyk
  - Rui Ding
  - Mattie Hogg
  - Niranjana Krishnan
  - Elizabeth Carino
  - Brian Dougherty
  - M. Mohsin Raza
  - Kevin Vickerman
  - Zhenzhen Chen

What comes next?

- An extraordinary Treasurer was elected! Rui (Michael) will do a great job. Senators, support your Treasurer and also ask questions. Request transparency of the financial status of GPSS and join the Finance Committee!!

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the GPSS Treasurer. Thank you for the trust, the support, and for this wonderful opportunity!

**URLA CHAIR**

- 1) am holding transition meetings with Amanda this week.
- 2) am in the process of asking current committee representatives if they are interested in continuing to serve next year.

**CIO**

- 1) Transition is taking place.

**GPSRC CHAIR**

- 1) No report.

**PAG CHAIR**

1. Thank you to the PAG committee for all the great work that you have done.
2. The PAG committee successfully evaluated the Research, Teaching, Leadership and Wakonse Awards. These were awarded at the GPSRC conference.

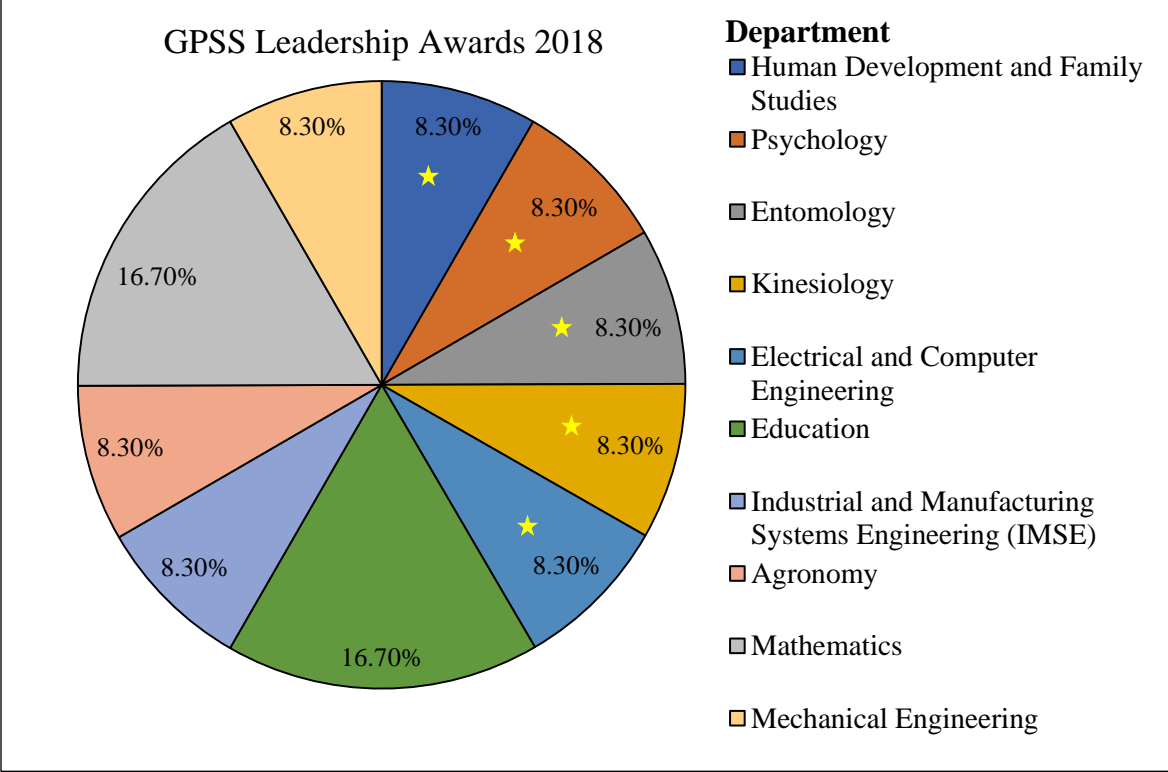
**Summary of all GPSS Award recipients for 2018**

Award category	Award recipients	Department of:
GPSS Leadership Award	Maria B. Alcivar	Human Development and Family Studies
	Dakota Kaiser	Psychology
	Kelsey Fisher	Entomology
	Matthew Jefferson	Kinesiology
	Gaurav Kandoi	Electrical and Computer Engineering
GPSS Research Award	Jacob Seibert	Animal Science
	Jeba R J Jesudoss Chelladurai	Veterinary Pathology
	Maria Betsabe Mantilla Perez	Agronomy
	Patrick Heath	Psychology
	Sonca Vo	English
	Idée Edalatishams	English
	Anna Seitz	Mathematics

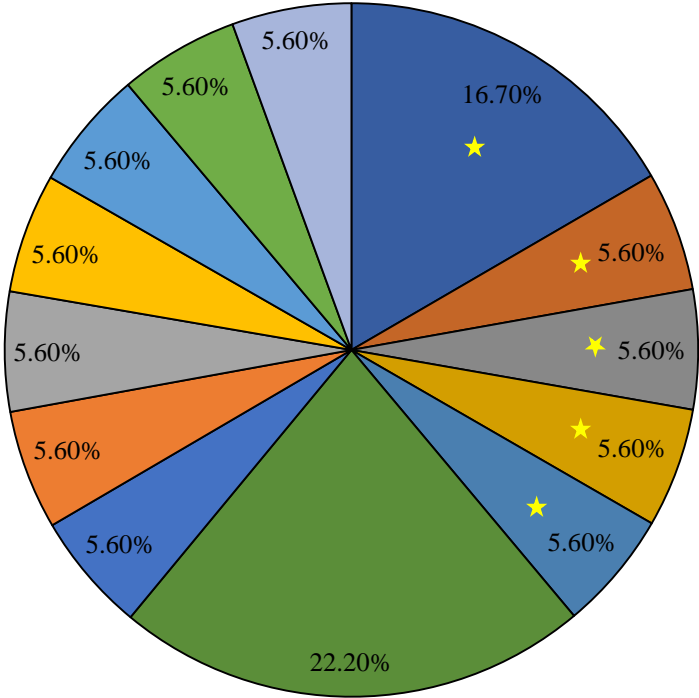
GPSS Teaching Award	Juan Sebastian Manzano	Chemistry
	Casey Judge	Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology
	Emmanuel Hitimana	Mechanical Engineering
Wakonse Fellowship Award	Muhammad Ananda	English
	Saraeian Alireza	Chemical and Biological Engineering
	Jaramillo Nadia	Education
	Carter Kristy	Geological and Atmospheric Sciences; Wind Energy Science, Engineering, and Policy
	Ramesh Srikanthan	Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering

2. GPSS Awards: Departmental Statistics

**Note:** While there were departments that had more than one applicant for a category of awards, this did not affect the selection process due to using a very well defined evaluation criteria.



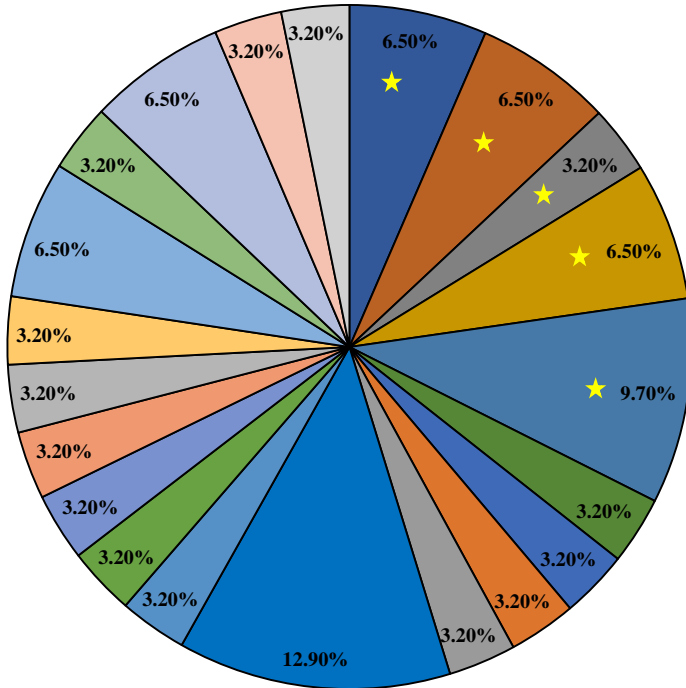
### GPSS Research Awards 2018



### Department

- Animal Science
- Veterinary Pathology
- Agronomy
- Psychology
- English
- Mechanical Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management
- Genetics, Development and Cell Biology
- Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
- Statistics
- Horticulture
- Aerospace Engineering

## GPSS Teaching Awards 2018



### Department

- English
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering (IMSE)
- Information Systems
- Statistics
- Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
- Physics and Astronomy
- Biomedical Sciences
- Statistics
- Sociology
- Natural Resource Ecology and Management
- Genetics Development and Cell Biology (GDCB)
- Business Administration
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Computer Science
- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Kinesiology