



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Officer Reports

Monday, August 28, 2017

I. President

1. Attended the Tuition Task Force meeting @ISU.
 - Here is the presentation- <https://www-president.sws.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/Benjamin%20Allen/2017.08.09%20TTF%20Proposal.pdf>
2. New administration at Iowa State University-
 - Dr. Bill Graves, Dean, Graduate college
 1. He has many new great ideas for grad students
 2. In our conversations, I mentioned many of GPSS related issues I was working since last year and he is very positive towards them.
 - Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Associate provost for academic programs
 - Dr. Krista McCallum Beatty, Director, International Students and Scholars Office
 - Steve Winfrey, Director, Memorial Union
 - Dr. Joyce Davidson, Director, Students Counseling Center
 - Dr. Vernon Hurt, AVP Student Affairs/Dean of Students
 1. He is excited to know more about Grad student issues. Should we call him to first GPSS meeting?
3. Academic Affairs Diversity and Inclusion Survey.
 - <https://www-provost.sws.iastate.edu/about/academic-affairs-blog>
4. AVPSHS search is over. We may expect results sooner.
5. I attended the Board of Regents meeting. I feel an excited opportunity for GPSS to attend and be part of.
 - If any of senators have any ideas/comments/suggestions for BOR, please let me know.
6. Graduate Alumni Special Interest Society-
 - I met with Chelsea (from SAA) along with Karin Lawton-Dunn and Dr. Ogilvie
 - The idea is still liked. However, they think GPSS should take a lead in this. They suggested to create an (semi)exec position for this. Thoughts?
 - Multiple ways to improve the networking and functions of this group.
7. President search updates-
 - We had many open forums and one closed forum for students only.
 - AGB firm heard feedback from many and created the concise job summary. They are accepting the application now and will be open until Aug 24
 - More info- <https://www.presidentsearch.iastate.edu/news>



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8. Student Health and Wellness Building Feasibility Study
 - “Last fall, Student Government initiated a mental health taskforce to assess the mental health climate at ISU and propose feedback and solutions for related resources. I’ve attached the final report for your reference. One of the recommendations was to build a new student health building on campus to provide a central location for students seeking physical and mental health assistance. Because Thielen Student Health Center (TSHC), Student Counseling Services (SCS), and Student Wellness (SW) are all in different locations, the taskforce felt like a combined building would go a long way to decreasing stigma and improving efficiency of student health and wellness services. Thanks to this recommendation and your support, I’m pleased to share that ISU’s Capital Projects Advisory Committee (CPAC) approved a health and wellness building feasibility study that will investigate the options for a shared facility.”
 - The architect firm plans to initiate a student survey as part of the project, and would also like to hold a student feedback session on August 29th from 5:30 – 7 pm (location TBD- pizza will be provided).
 - If any of you are interested in participating, please let me know.
9. I have monthly meetings with Grad college dean Dr. Bill Graves, dean of students/AVP Students Affairs Dr. Vernon Hurte, Senior VP Students Affairs Dr. Martino Harmon, Senior VP/Provost Dr. Jon Wickert.
 - Please let me know if you have anything that you need me to communicate with any/all of these.

II. Vice President

1. Rules Committee
 - a. I am looking for individuals for the Rules Committee, which will meet once a month.
 - b. Generally the Rules Committee reviews legislation and does annual revisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.
 - c. This year we are looking to revise the Articles of Cooperation with Student Government and discuss eligibility requirements for PAG and funding for group events based program senate seats actively being held.
2. Social Committee
 - a. If you are great at event planning, I could really use your help on the Social Committee.
 - b. The goal is to hold one or two social events every semester. In the past this has included free bowling, pool, and pizza at Perfect Games for graduate students.
 - c. Meetings would typically be once a month, with an extra meeting being possible close to the time of an event.



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d. To join either committee, please email me at gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu

III. Treasurer

Welcome Senators!!

1. During Summer I have processed the payments for PAG and the payments to all the winners of the GPSRC and teaching, research and leadership awards of GPSS, and Wakonse Fellowship
 - a. 38 awardees in total.
 - b. We gave a total of \$9,450.00 in awards.
2. We had a great GPSS Fall Social!! We were very close to the budget of \$2,000 for this event and it was totally worth it. Thank you to all that came and if you missed it, please join us in the next social events organized by the Vice-President and the social committee.
3. Summary of the Student Special Fee and Tuition Committee (SSFTC)
 1. During summer I attended to several meetings with this committee. This committee revises and received proposals to make changes in tuition and fees for next school year (FY19)
 2. Here is a small summary of the new fees per semester

	Approved FY18	Requested FY19	Proposed FY19
Student Activities			
Student Government	\$ 36.65	\$ -	\$ 36.65
Reserve for Legislative Relations	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ 0.10
Total Student Activities	\$ 36.75	\$ -	\$ 36.75
Student Services			
CyRide	\$ 75.35	\$ 4.25	\$ 79.60
Intercollegiate Athletics	\$ 31.50	\$ -	\$ 31.50
Total Student Services	\$ 106.85	\$ 4.25	\$ 111.10
Building Fees			
Memorial Union	\$ 24.55	\$ 15.00	\$ 39.55
Multicultural Center	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ 3.00
Total Building Fees	\$ 27.55	\$ 15.00	\$ 42.55
Recreation Fee			
	\$ 160.80	\$ -	\$ 160.80
Technology Fee*	\$ 130.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 145.00
Health Fee	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00



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Health Facilities Fee	\$ 8.00	\$ -	\$ 8.00
TOTAL MANDATORY FEES PER SEMESTER	\$ 589.95	\$ 34.25	\$ 624.20

3. Please note that these numbers have not yet been finalized and are subjected to additional increase(s). I will keep you informed if these numbers change. If you have any questions about any of the above fees, please e-mail me (gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu) for more information.
4. Please consider to be part of the Finance Committee!! This is a great opportunity to serve the graduate students and their student organizations and clubs.
 - a. **What do we do?** We are responsible for the evaluation of all legislation and GPSS policy with financial, fiscal, or monetary implications. We evaluate and process the Regular Allocations during October and March. And we evaluate the budget for next fiscal year.
 - b. I plan to keep the same format as John, our former Treasurer, who made the life of the members of the committee easier. I prefer to use our time in discussions rather than doing paperwork. I will do all the paperwork ☺ plus, I will provide food for our meetings!
 - c. If you are interested, please join me or think about it and e-mail me to gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu for more information.
5. The **Regular Allocation Application** is due on **September 29th 2017 (5:00 pm)**. Please share this information with all the student organizations and clubs of your department. Check the webpage for information about how to apply and what we fund: <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/allocations>
6. If you have any questions or concerns in regards to the GPSS finances, please don't hesitate to send me an e-mail for more information.

IV. Chief Information Officer

1. Number of Senators as of August 26, 2017: 52 out of 122
2. Report any errors on the website, placards, and clickers etc.
3. Call for committee members:
 - a. Website/Social media maintenance
 - b. Senator nomination solicitations
 - c. Elections and Operations Committee
4. Encourage your friends in the following departments/programs to serve as senators: <**SEE APPENDIX A**>
5. Reach me at: gpsscio@iastate.edu

V. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair

1. We still have a number of university wide committee openings that need to be filled. They can be found here: <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/university-committees>



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2. If you are or someone you know that would be good are interested, please contact me at gpssurla@iastate.edu

VI. Professional Advancement Grant Chair

1. During Summer, I have processed all PAG applications in accordance with the PAG policy.
 - a. All applicants, both priorities 1 and 2 that applied before the deadlines for May to August 30 meetings/conferences have been approved.
2. Please consider to be part of the PAG Committee.
 - a. Great opportunity to serve the community
 - b. Great learning opportunity.
 - c. Email me at gpsspag@iastate.edu if you are interested or need more information.
 - d.

VII. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair

1. **5th GPSRC scheduled to be held on April 12, 2018 in Memorial Union.** Rooms have been reserved in MU. Mark the date and share it with your constituents.
2. Looking for suggestions for:
 - a. Invited speaker
 - b. Workshops
 - c. Any special symposia/panel
3. Looking for committee members for
 - a. Abstract submission and judging
 - b. Conference planning
 - c. Public relations
4. Please email gpssconfchair@iastate.edu for more details if you are interested.



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APPENDIX A: Departments/Programs with Empty GPSS Senate Seats

Accounting	1
Aerospace Engineering	1
Agricultural Economics	1
Agricultural Education and Studies	1
Analytical Chemistry	1
Animal Science	1
Anthropology	1
Apparel, Events Hospitality Mgmt.	1
Architecture	1
Biochemistry	1
Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology	1
Biomedical Sciences	1
Biorenewable Resources and Technology	1
Business Analytics	1
Civil Construction & Environmental Engineering	3
Community and Regional Planning	1
Diet and Exercise	1
Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology	1
Electrical and Computer Engineering	4
Engineering Management	1
Environmental Science	1
Family and Consumer Sciences	1
Finance	1
Food Science and Human Nutrition	1
Food Science and Technology	1
Graduate Student Government (SG) Senator	2
Graphic Design	1
Human Development and Family Studies	1
Immunobiology	1
Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering	1
Industrial Design	1
Information Assurance	1
Integrated Studio Arts	1
Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies	1
Interior Design	1
Materials Science and Engineering	1



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Meat Science	1
Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology	1
Neurosciences	1
Philosophy	1
Political Science	1
Professional Agriculture	1
Psychology	1
Seed Technology and Business	1
Statistics	2
Sustainable Environments	1
Systems Engineering	1
Undeclared Distance Education	1
Urban Design	1
Veterinary Clinical Sciences	1
Veterinary Pathology	1
Veterinary Preventive Medicine	1
Wind Energy Science, Engineering and Policy	1