

# *GPSS OFFICER REPORT*

## *FEBRUARY 2018*

### PRESIDENT

- 1) Memorial Union renovation open forum for students will be happening on Wednesday (02.28.2018) at 2pm in 3512, MU. Please be encouraged to attend and share your opinions and concerns with Invision architecture group.
- 2) President Wintersteen will host a listening session for graduate students and as a representative of your departments/divisions, you are required to show up for this session and share your concerns, comments and suggestions to make grad student experience even better.
  - o When? March 2, 2018
  - o Where? Cardinal room, MU
  - o Please RSVP- <https://goo.gl/forms/Bz8bLX9jIJGrhocx2>
- 3) Graduate student stipend issue. I heard a conversation that we may not have the proposed increase of GA stipend (from \$2000 minimum for month to \$2100 minimum). This is an unwelcoming news for all grad students. We should voice our opinion. Please help me draft one.
- 4) Graduate student wellness week preparations are finally coming along. I just got confirmation of the following all workshops. Please book them on your calendars.
  - o Monday, April 9: Wellness Yoga with Nora Hudson, 5:30-6:30pm, MU Campanile Room. Learn to develop simple tools for managing stress in addition to participating in a wellness yoga class. Mats provided.
  - o Tuesday, April 10: Connect with a Graduate faculty mentor. Get to know them. Ask about their career path and experiences. Take this opportunity to engage with a faculty member you've wanted to, but just haven't been able to yet!
  - o Wednesday, April 11: Financial Next Steps with P.A. Doty, 3:00-4:00pm, MU Gold Room. Learn about the importance of retirement savings.
  - o Thursday, April 12: Green Dot with Jazzmine Brooks, 3:00-4:00pm, Carver 0268. Learn about this new initiative changing the culture at ISU to empower all of us as bystanders that can make a difference regarding power-based violence.
  - o Friday, April 13: Mental and Emotional Wellbeing with Kate Van Pay, 9:00-10:50am, Carver 0202. This workshop is all about taking time for you; encouraging balance and self-care to aid in your success.
  - o Flyer will be coming out soon. Please encourage your friends and department mates to take an active participation. Start RSVP here- <https://goo.gl/forms/SbHaORv2qs6bIjN62>
- 5) Student Marshal at the Graduate college commencement ceremony. We have one graduating PhD students every semester selected as a Marshal and precedes the ceremonial walk.
  - o Traditionally, Graduate college dean with their leadership team has been narrowing down individual students based on degree (Ph.D), GPA, time-to-degree, Grad college checklist, etc.
  - o Dean Graves would like to get some feedback on whether the process should change? If so, then what would be a better way? Please share your thoughts with me. (You can also email me).

# GPSS OFFICER REPORT

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### VICE PRESIDENT

- 1) The latest draft of the Chapter 9 Graduate Student Rights & Responsibilities from the Graduate Handbook has returned from University Counsel and there appears to be no major issues that will keep it from being approved this semester. There will be an Ad Hoc Committee meeting to go over some small details, it should not have problems being passed by Graduate Council, and then I expect full approval from the Provost's Office.
- 2) Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets for *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder*, which is taking place Tuesday, March 6, 2018. If the event is a success, I hope that this can become an annual event for GPSS, as Stephens Auditorium has been very accommodating.
- 3) The individuals that have been working on the Articles of Cooperation met with members of Student Government and we have an agreement on the table. Student Government will first pass a version and then that version will come to us to accept or deny. If there are no major changes to the Articles of Cooperation on their end, I believe no one in GPSS will have an issue with the new Articles. I will have a PPT slide that shows the expected changes when it comes to our budget at the Senate Meeting.
- 4) The Student Government elections are coming up and there are 3 Graduate College seats and no candidates on the ballot. If you or someone else is interested, then you can do a write-in campaign. <https://www.stugov.iastate.edu/elections/>
- 5) I will be recommending to the next Vice President to look at placing greater requirements in the rules when it comes to regular allocations requests for groups, especially for groups that fail to have consistent representation at GPSS Senate Meetings no matter how many senate seats they are allocated.

### TREASURER

- 1) We have received regular allocation requests from 21 student and professional clubs. Total money request: \$19,481.30. Total Available for allocations: \$17,000.
- 2) PAG payments have been processed.
- 3) I have audited our accounts and I had meetings with the Graduate College, Campus Organization Accounting, and our previous GPSS Treasurer in order to prepare the cuts for the FY2018 budget. After these meetings it was possible to verify that the deficit is not as bad as we initially thought (\$7,988.13 instead of \$11,324.81)
- 4) BIG Thanks to the members of the Finance Committee (FC) for their involvement and help with the proposed cuts.
- 5) During March month, the FC will work on:
  - o Spring Regular Allocation Distribution
  - o Projected Budget for the FY2019
- 6) If we do not receive a bigger percentage from the Student Activity Fee and if we do not receive extra support from the Graduate College, we will need to make big adjustments to our expenses. This is not the last version of the budget, we still need to work on it with the FC, we are waiting for the vote on Student Government on the proposed Articles of Cooperation, and the Graduate College.

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	<b>FY 2017 (projected)</b>	<b>FY 2017 (Actual)</b>	<b>FY 2018 (pojected)</b>	<b>FY 2018 (actual/ estimated)</b>	<b>FY 2019 (projected 50% SAF)</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>					
Student Activities Fee	\$166,000.00	\$161,016.05	\$166,000.00	\$158,466.17	\$148,470.00
-Fall	\$80,000.00	\$79,706.10	\$80,000.00	\$76,696.52	\$73,500.00
-Spring	\$76,000.00	\$71,347.47	\$78,000.00	\$74,100.00	\$66,150.00
-Summer	\$10,000.00	\$9,962.48	\$8,000.00	\$7,669.65	\$8,820.00
Vending	\$8,300.00	\$3,200.56	\$7,500.00	\$3,978.67	\$4,575.47
Graduate College Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Surplus from prior year	\$13,335.74	\$19,149.89	\$18,044.81	\$7,567.03	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$187,635.74</b>	<b>\$183,366.50</b>	<b>\$206,544.81</b>	<b>\$185,011.87</b>	<b>\$153,045.47</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>					
<b>Exec Committee</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$17,459.71</b>	<b>\$18,800.00</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>
Exec Scholarships	\$16,800.00	\$16,100.00	\$17,600.00	\$17,800.00	\$18,000.00
Office/Communications	\$1,200.00	\$1,359.71	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Social Committee</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,567.86</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$4,579.84</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
Fall Social	\$1,900.00	\$1,317.64	\$2,000.00	\$2,079.84	\$2,000.00
Spring Social	\$1,400.00	\$1,801.65	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Mid-semester Social	\$900.00	\$1,176.61	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Senator Social	\$300.00	\$271.96	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$34,211.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$34,944.47</b>	<b>\$30,500.00</b>
Regular Allocations	\$34,000.00	\$34,211.00	\$34,000.00	\$33,999.57	\$30,000.00
-Fall	\$17,000.00	\$11,985.00	\$17,000.00	\$16,999.57	\$15,000.00
-Spring	\$17,000.00	\$22,226.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00
Special Allocations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$944.90	\$500.00
<b>URLA Chair</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
NAGPS Dues	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00

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<b>PAG Committee</b>	<b>\$115,500.00</b>	<b>\$113,700.00</b>	<b>\$127,500.00</b>	<b>\$123,000.00</b>	<b>\$105,050.00</b>
Wakonse	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,800.00
T/R/L Awards	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,250.00
Monthly PAGs	\$109,000.00	\$107,000.00	\$121,000.00	\$116,500.00	\$100,000.00
-July	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-August	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-September	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-October	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-November	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00	\$11,750.00	\$11,750.00	\$10,000.00
-December	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-January	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-February	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$9,750.00	\$8,000.00
-March	\$10,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$11,750.00	\$11,750.00	\$10,000.00
-April	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	<b>\$7,750.00</b>	\$8,000.00
-May	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	\$8,000.00
-June	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00	<b>\$8,500.00</b>	\$8,000.00
<b>GPSRC Committee</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,360.90</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
Speaker/Programming	\$3,000.00	\$1,360.90	\$2,000.00	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	\$500.00
GPSRC	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$180,500.00</b>	<b>\$175,799.47</b>	<b>\$192,600.00</b>	<b>\$185,224.31</b>	\$162,050.00
Surplus	\$7,135.74	\$7,567.03	\$13,944.81	<b>(\$212.44)</b>	<b>(\$9,004.53)</b>
Account Reserve	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00

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- 1) Two senators volunteered to operate the elections at the March meeting.
- 2) Have started enforcing attendance rules and providing notices in accordance with our governing documents.

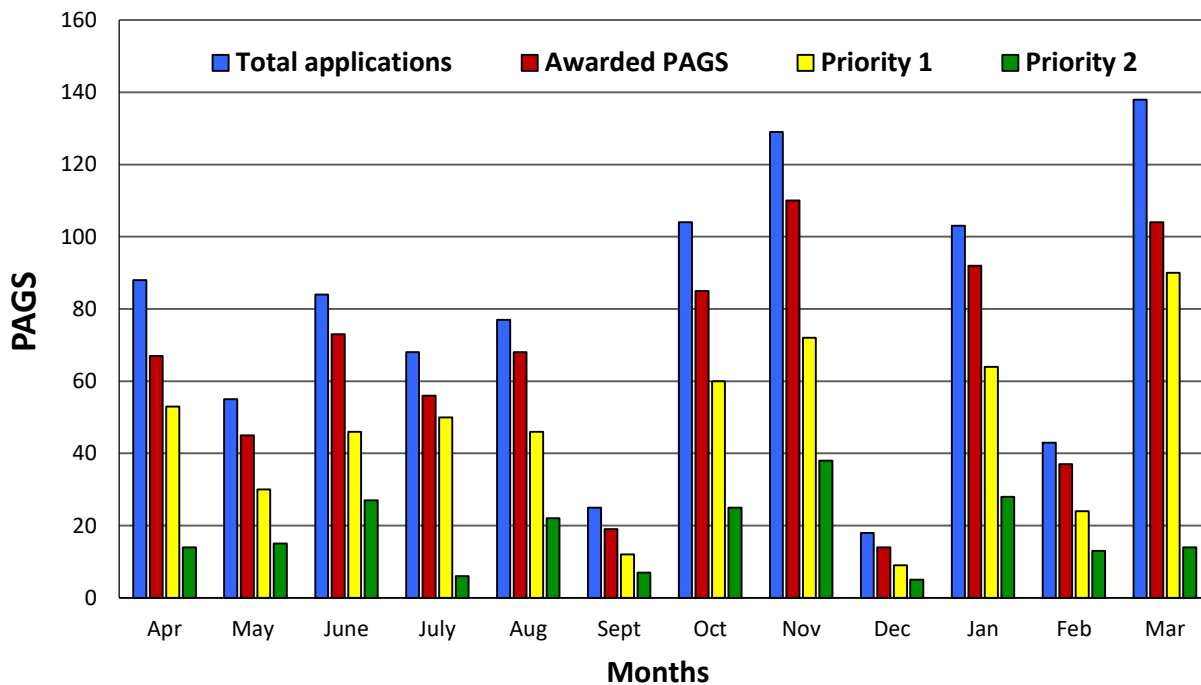
**PAG CHAIR**

- 1) There were more applications for the month of March. All Priority 1 applicants that applied in time received the PAG. A rotary was conducted for priority 2 applicants.

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- 2) I am now receiving Applications for the Leadership, Research, and Teaching Awards. The deadline is March 1st, 2018 at 5:00PM.
- 3) The Wakonse Award applications are being received by CELT and the deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- 4) Below is a summary of the PAGs that I have processed since I became the PAG Chair.

Month	Total applications	Awarded PAGS	Priority 1	Priority 2
Apr 2017	88	67 (76 %)	53 (79 %)	14 (21 %)
May 2017	55	45 (88 %)	30 (67 %)	15 (33 %)
June 2017	84	73 (87%)	46 (63 %)	27 (37 %)
July 2017	68	56 (82 %)	50 (89 %)	6 (11 %)
Aug 2017	77	68 (88 %)	46 (68 %)	22 (32 %)
Sept 2017	25	19 (76 %)	12 (63 %)	7 (37 %)
Oct 2017	104	85 (82 %)	60 (71 %)	25 (29 %)
Nov 2017	129	110 (83 %)	72 (65 %)	38 (35 %)
Dec 2017	18	14 (78 %)	9 (64 %)	5 (36 %)
Jan 2018	103	92 (89 %)	64 (70 %)	28 (30 %)
Feb 2018	43	37 (86 %)	24 (65 %)	13 (35 %)
Mar 2018	138	104 (72 %)	90 (87 %)	14 (13 %)



- 1) Below is a summary of the Margaret Ellen White Award and the top 6 candidates that were forwarded to the graduate college are highlighted in yellow.

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**Table showing all the nominees ranking (1 - 24)**

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Total (x/60)</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Halil Ceylan	Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering	47	1
Kevin Schalinke	Food Science and Human Nutrition	46	2
Young-Jin Lee	Chemistry	45	3
John Patience	Animal Science	44.5	4
Leslie Hogben	Mathematics	44	5
Susan Wohlsdorf-Arendt	Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management	44	5
Susan J. Lamont	Animal Science	43.5	7
Steven Carlson	Biomedical Sciences	42.5	8
Anne Foegen	School of Education	42	9
Jennifer Margrett	Gerontology	40	10
Brenda Lohman	Human Development & Family Studies	38	11
Carmen Bain	Sociology	38	11
Dean Adams	Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology and Statistics	35.5	13
Abhijit Chandra	Mechanical Engineering	34	14
Matthew Helmers	Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering	34	14
Xianglan Bai	Mechanical Engineering	34	14
Srikanta Tirthapura	Electrical and Computer Engineering	33.5	17
Katherine R. Bruna	School of Education	32.5	18
Warren Franke	Kinesiology	32.5	18
Donald S. Sakaguchi	Genetics Development and Cell Biology	32	20
Robert Martin	Agricultural Education and Studies	31.5	21
Robert Jernigan	Bioinformatics and Computational Biology	30	22
Samik Basu	Computer Science	26.5	23
Diane Bassham	Genetics, Development and Cell Biology	22	24

**URLA CHAIR**

- 1) Please get in touch if you are interested in running for URLA Chair.
- 2) Please get in touch if you are interested in serving on any of the committees listed on [the website](#).

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- 3) Vivek and I have been working on some letters to send to Iowa's congressional delegation and the members of the Iowa General Assembly who represent the area around Ames regarding issues affecting graduate education and Iowa State University. If you learn or know of a proposal you think we should express an opinion, please bring it to our attention.

**GPSRC CHAIR**

- 1) We received a total of 60 abstracts.
- 2) We are still accepting the abstracts, please encourage your constituents to submit the abstract.
- 3) We have started evaluating the abstracts, acceptance notifications will be sent in mid of March.
- 4) Please contact me if you are interested to be the volunteer ([gpssconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssconfchair@iastate.edu)).