

GPSS OFFICER REPORT

JANUARY 2018

PRESIDENT

- 1) Proposed 5 million cut from State of Iowa. I had a brief talk with Dean Graves and he said he has no idea so far if it would affect grad college.
- 2) I am meeting President Wintersteen for the first time officially. The aforementioned issue will be my first topic followed by brief discussion on chapter 9 and grad student wellness campaign. What else do you want me to talk to her?
- 3) Meeting with deans outcomes.
 - a. Many of the initiatives of the GPSS can be publicized and told to the deans.
 - b. Many local issues were raised at college/department levels.
 - c. How should we move forward?

VICE PRESIDENT

- 1) There is a new draft of Chapter 9 for the Graduate Handbook that has been looked at by a number of graduate student leaders, the Graduate College Dean, and leaders on the Graduate Council. The president of the Graduate Council says this will get resolved by the end of the semester.
- 2) Please get ticket forms and payment to me by the end of the January 22, 2018 GPSS Senate meeting for the Stephens Auditorium show and post-show reception taking place Tuesday, March 6th. I will have forms for you to fill out if you are unable to print them before the meeting.
- 3) Your Graduate College Student Government Senators, three executive board members, and Agronomy Senator Katherine Taylor met with leaders of Student Government. SG expressed concerns about their budget being reduced due to the reduction of student enrollment that is expected this coming Fall. The proposal being considered now would incrementally increase the Student Activities Fees from 50% to 60% going to GPSS from graduate and professional students over a 4 year period.
- 4) The Student Government elections are coming up and there are 3 Graduate College seats. If you are interested, please go to the Student Government website for directions on getting on the ballot at: <https://www.stugov.iastate.edu/elections/>
- 5) Also, most of the Executive Board is not running for any GPSS positions next year, so if you are interested in any of the positions, please feel free to talk to any of us about what the job entails and what to expect.

TREASURER

- 1) PAG payments have been processed.
- 2) Encourage the student and professional organizations and clubs from your departments to apply for Spring Regular Allocations by February 23th 2018 (5:00 pm)
- 3) There are new regular allocation guidelines in the web page
 - a. At least one Senator representing the department to which the organization belongs **MUST** be present in at least one full regular GPSS meeting in the last six months prior the application
 - b. Changes in lodging from \$90 per night to \$120 per night
 - c. Other clarifications made by members of the Finance Committee
- 4) Next month we will present an estimated FY19 budget.

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- 5) If you are good with numbers, have budget management skills, and you are not afraid to say NO to people, please consider to be the next GPSS Treasurer!

CIO

- 1) Number of senators as of January 20, 2018: 74
- 2) Many programs/departments still don't have a senator. Please encourage your friends, colleagues, classmates, and neighbors etc. from these programs/departments to serve. You can find the list of such program/departments on our website:
<http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate-information>
- 3) Call for Election Committee
 - a. Responsible for conducting the GPSS executive committee elections in April meeting.
- 4) Call for next year's CIO
 - a. Please talk to me if you are interested in learning about the roles and responsibilities of the CIO.

PAG CHAIR

- 1) Had a meeting with the PAG committee to discuss the criteria for evaluating the Margret Ellen White Award.
- 2) The Applications for the Leadership, Research, and Teaching Awards are due March 1st, 2018 at 5:00PM and the advert appeared in the Graduate College Newsletter.
- 3) Everyone who applied in time received the PAG for the month of January

URLA CHAIR

- 1) No Report

GPSRC CHAIR

- 1) Engineering Week (Feb 19-23)<https://www.engineering.iastate.edu/eweek/> If you are interested to attend or help with the engineering week research conference, please contact engineersweekrelations@gmail.com
- 2) GPSS Research Conference abstract submission has started,
https://apps.gpss.iastate.edu/students/gpsrc/abstract_submission.php
 - a. Category: Oral, Poster, 3 Minute Thesis, Impactful Innovation.
 - b. Deadline: **February 15**.
 - c. Conference Registration will start on February 15.
- 3) College deans have been contacted for financial support for the conference.
- 4) If you are interested to help with the conference, please contact gpssconfchair@iastate.edu