IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Officer Reports
Monday, September 25, 2017

I. President Vivek Lawana
   1. As all of you must know by now, Dr. Wendy Wintersteen is selected by the Board of Regents to be the 16th President of Iowa State University.
      o See full news here- http://www.iowaregents.edu/news/board-news/wintersteen-named-iowa-state-university-president
      o I would like to once again thank all the senators for sharing their thoughts and helping me with this project.
   2. I would like to congratulate all the Graduate College Student Government Senators (aka senators-at-large), Sen. Humair Nadeem, Sen. Norin Chaudhry and Sen. Julie Bothell, for being appointed to serve on this post. Thanks for VP Weston and Treasurer Mantilla Perez for making this happen.
   3. Campus Climate Survey. https://rankinsurveys3.com/iastate/
      o I once again request all the senators to take the sure they have taken the survey and they encourage their constituents to do so.
      o The deadline is extended by one week. Please do it.
   4. We need many volunteers to help university and community get Graduate student voice
      o Graduate Student on Ames City Council
      o Graduate Student Wellness Campaign
      o Graduate Student Career Services Council
      o And there are many more committees that URLA Chair Belding will share
   5. This year, I am planning to meet with Deans/Associate Deans of Graduate Studies of all academic colleges. I would also like to including senators from respective colleges to attend the meeting.
      o Can you please fill in your name and college here- https://goo.gl/forms/I7tB0buy7OKK6A6a2
      o More information will be made available soon.
   6. Student Government and Students Affair has organized a town hall on November 9, 2017 at 5.30pm.
      o http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/townhall/
      o Please be encouraged to attend it and post your questions.

II. Vice President George H. Weston
   1. Rules Committee
      a. The resolution about the Shared Governance has been revised and discussed by the committee. We want to reiterate that the spirit of the bill is about creating a beginning and not a rigid new governmental structure. This is intended to get to a first step of creating a website to discuss the concept of shared government and promote the various governmental organizations involved.
      b. The committee will meet next week to discuss our governing documents (constitution, by-laws, and standing rules). Here are a few proposed changes discussed thus far either in the Executive Committee or Rules Committee:
         1. Student Government Senators will no longer be called "At-Large Senators." They will be "Student Government Senators." The name "At-Large Senators" will be designated for the

"Undeclared Senators."
2. Programs with two or more senate seats where all seats are vacant will not be eligible to request GPSS funds (e.g. PAG, Allocations to groups, etc.).
3. Clarification of what is debate, discussion, and questions.
4. Reduction in speaking privileges from 5 minutes down to 3 minutes.
   c. Goal will be to introduce bills for each of the governing documents by the November GPSS General meeting and then do a final vote at the January meeting.
2. Social Committee
   a. Stephens Auditorium has agreed to a proposed post-show meet-and-greet reception following *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* on Tuesday, March 6. Graduate students would pay for their tickets, but GPSS would provide funds for the food and non-alcoholic drinks with a cash bar being available. More details will be announced later if the Social Committee feels the event would have strong interest from graduate students.

III. Treasurer Maria B. Mantilla Perez
 1. **Treasurer Activities:**
   - Big thanks to the members of the finance committee for your time and the good work during our last meeting on October 3rd 2017.
   - The finance committee evaluated 25 applications from graduate and professional clubs. The sum of the requested allocations was $24,332 and our GPSS budget for fall regular allocations is $17,000.
   - After careful analysis of applications and ledgers, the GPSS Finance Committee agreed on the following fund distribution:

App. ID	Student Org Name	Requested	FC Approved	94.49%
181	Feral Cat Alliance	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
182	Chapter of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Specialists	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
183	Society for Theriogenology	$1,000.00	$936.60	$884.99
184	Bioinformatics & Computational BIO GSO	$1,000.00	$997.00	$942.07
185	VBusMA	$1,000.00	$0.00	**Withdraw**
186	Graduate Meteorology Club	$630.00	$473.52	$447.43
187	American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
188	STAT-eres	$1,000.00	$880.00	$831.51
189	Mathematics Graduate Student Organization	$1,000.00	$867.74	$819.93
190	Toxicology Graduate Student Organization	$1,000.00	$944.03	$892.01
191	Natural Resource Ecology & Management GSO	$949.00	$0.00	**Withdraw**

192	American Association of Equine Practitioners	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
193	WVLDI	$909.00	$909.00	$858.91
194	Plant Breeding and Genetics Student Organization	$1,000.00	$785.64	$742.35
195	Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association	$1,000.00	$950.00	$897.66
196	Computer Science Graduate Student Organization	$925.00	$925.00	$874.03
197	MBAA	$1,000.00	$200.00	**Withdraw**
198	Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Club	$500.00	$300.00	**Withdraw**
199	Chapter American College of Veterinary Pathologists	$1,200.00	$843.88	$797.38
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201	CVM Surgery Club	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
202	Graduate Students in History	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
203	Student Chapter of the Foundation for Veterinary Dentistry	$1,000.00	$839.46	$793.21
204	Microbiology Graduate Student Organization	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$944.90
205	Agronomy Graduate Student Club	$1,000.00	$515.28	**Withdraw**
	TOTALS	**$24,323.00**	**$19,006.15**	**$16,999.57**

- The finance committee unanimously decided to fund 89.44% of the approved budget to all those great initiatives instead of randomly deny good applications. By doing this, we support more graduate and professional clubs and students.
- After communications with the student club treasurers, five student organizations withdrew their application, allowing to fund 94.49% of the approved budget.

IV. Chief Information Officer Gaurav Kandoi
  -Currently have 75 senators

V. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair Michael Belding
Report of the University Relations chair, October 30, 2017:
Highlights:
  - Open committee seats:
    o Event Funding Board
    o Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

- o Faculty Senate Facilities and Educational Resources Committee
- o Policy Library Advisory Committee
- o Student Health Advisory Committee
- o Work/Life Advisory Committee
- Computation Advisory Committee:
  - o Submit ideas for projects that could use Computation Advisory Committee funding (total $100,000 available) via Techstarter
- Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee:
  - o What do you think of printing credits?
  - o What are your concerns with Open Educational Resources? (open-license educational resources)
- Library Advisory Committee:
  - o Projects:
    - Roof, now to end of semester
    - Restroom updates, summer 2018
  - o Issues:
    - Funding (compared to peer group and University of Iowa)
    - Open Educational Resources/Open Access publications/work
  - o New:
    - Mindfulness Room (off the Upper Rotunda)
    - Electrical outlets in the Periodical Room
    - Tech lending

Included reports:
- Computation Advisory Committee, Oct. 5
- Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching Advisory Board, Oct. 9
- Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee, Oct. 20
- Library Advisory Committee, Oct. 20
- University Committee on Disabilities, Oct. 23
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Computation Advisory Committee, October5, 2017, Niraja Shivalingaiah
Computational advisory committee (CAC) is a university committee which is only advisory. The focus of CAC is to use funds coming from the students to benefit students. Committee was started to use computer fee in the right direction. Later the fee became technology fee and now CAC advices to spend central funds on technology. The major central fund advised by CAC was for Wi-Fi and printing, which recurs every year. 50% of the person's salary, helping with the technology comes from CAC. CAC audits colleges every year and questions colleges if they have accumulated central funds with them. CAC has initiated "Techstarter Idea Generation Process" for students to apply for their innovative ideas. The process is real time, does not need a grant proposal, simple and it has to be applied through their college. Students also have the opportunity to vote for the best idea. A motion was made and accepted to allot 100,000$ per semester for techstarter ideas submitted by faculty and students. A motion was made and was accepted to use 35,000$ for the department of architecture. More information can be found on websitehttps://www.it.iastate.edu/committees/cac/

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CELT Advisory Board, Oct. 2017
- Graduate and postdoc programming
  - 71 graduate students and postdocs enrolled in the new 2017 Preparing Future Faculty Program cohort.
  - This month, we finished up a 4 year Sloan funded grant to create the CIRTL Network Commons-- the program that connects all 43 CIRTL universities, connecting faculty, future faculty and other members to exchange courses, webinars, learning communities and Teaching as Research projects. Take a look at https://www.cirtl.net The CNC is now embedded in CELT's Website so you can see its constantly updated offerings. http://www.celt.iastate.edu/graduate-students-postdocs/cirtl/cirtl-upcoming-programs
- ThinkSpace/OpenTBL
  - OpenTBL is here! -OpenTBL is a sister program to ThinkSpace, built on the same platform. It was designed using input and requirements from ISU's 265 member Team Based Learning faculty learning community and also from faculty at the TBL Collaborative (international TBL group) and other universities. Until now, no tools existed that were designed to support asynchronous online TBL. OpenTBL can be used for asynchronous, synchronous online, face to fact and blended TBL. So far OpenTBL supports individual and team readiness assurance tests, and peer evaluations-- all of which are foundational for TBL. Over the next year, application exercise functionality will be imported from ThinkSpace and optimized for OpenTBL. OpenTBL is supported on by CELT for all ISU faculty, staff and students -- included with ThinkSpace.

Faculty Senate Student Affairs Committee meeting – Oct. 20, 2017
1) Printing costs https://www.it.iastate.edu/services/printing
2) Open Education Resources – Sam
3) "health and wellness statement" on the master syllabus – Martino
4) Other items?

1. Depends on college/dept.? A frustration for some students – 500 credits (base level) not enough.
   a. Those who have excess, can they rollover? Refund?
   b. Seems to be more of a concern for grad students (what other members of the committee have been hearing) due to necessity of needing to print off seminar readings, etc.
   c. Look into: a systemic bump-up. Institute? Departments?
   d. Action item: Get feedback from GPSS and GSB about how widespread this issue/concern is
2. Resolution from GSB to move to low-cost online textbooks (?) – open-license textbooks/resources
   a. Concerns from the group: who writes these? How do they get there? Quality concerns: issues with moving to a "generic" textbook for highly specialized courses; professors who need to use a specific text because of how it's written
   b. Resolution from GSB would "recommend" that professors use these open-source texts → taking this back to GSB again.
3. GSB passed a resolution to include language in all syllabi that promotes different health and wellness resources/offices/crisis numbers on campus
   a. Will be presented to the faculty senate exec committee on November 14th

  b. Committee recommended changing the wording that this language would need to be provided somewhere electronically on the course – not necessarily in the syllabus itself.

  c. Our committee endorsed this resolution.

Next Meeting: December 1ˢᵗ, 3-4pm

Library Advisory Committee, Oct. 20, 2017

- Budget, Search, and Facilities Updates
    - Still searching for a university archivist
    - Parks roof project begins next week
        - Noise (a couple months)
        - More leaks during the recent rain
    - Restroom project – summer 2018?
        - Floorplans established
        - $$ unclear until announcement of new president
    - Early stage of planning Phase 2 (LL compact shelving)
        - Will enable student/group space
- Library 160 course review
    - Course manual/class guide (the lib guide) on course reserve now – people can see all materials except for the quizzes
    - Over summer added some material on *fake news*
- Open Educational Resources
    - Addressing the textbook affordability question
    - SG resolution
    - Open Textbook Alliance
    - Faculty/student panel during Open Access Week (next week)
    - Reviewing proposals (incentivizing through a small cash award)
    - Launching open data repository
        - How do we begin to change faculty culture in sharing data?
        - University/IT policy aren't helpful
        - Want to cover the whole lifecycle of data
        - Library, VPR, IT, legal – several parties involved
- OA2020
    - One of several efforts
    - December meeting of ARL
    - Need for faculty support
    - LAC on whether ISU should sign on to the expression of interest – rather than prescription, endorsing working together to address issues involved in scholarly publishing (retain community specifications)
        - "big tent"
    - Need to have global conversation – and Europeans are much better at discussing this centrally
        - Expression of solidarity
    - Broad text that accommodates many approaches

- o Need reputable journals (as opposed to spam ones) to shift to OA
  - ▪ Perception that spam and OA are the same
  - ▪ Library can use digital repository to host reputable journals' publication in cases where faculty who control them want to take them there
  - ▪ New profs need prestige/impact factor
- o Cost-shifting (faculty paying to have their articles OA)
- o Alternatives?
  - ▪ In Physics, OA interest for a while
  - ▪ One Harvard study found ca. 15 ways to flip subscriptions to OA
  - ▪ New journals being OA
- o Academics working for Elsevier
- Making the case for the university library
  - o Comparison with Peer 11 and the University of Iowa
    - ▪ ½ as much money
    - ▪ 2/3 as much for materials
    - ▪ ½-2/3 the staff
    - ▪ Money (as with the rest of campus) isn't matching enrollment growth
  - o 2016 library user survey
    - ▪ Expand cafe/electricity/hours/collections
  - o Library usage
    - ▪ Online, 7% over same period last year (Oct. 2017)
    - ▪ Monetization compared to peers? (efficiency --> worth an investment)
- Tech lending – not just laptops – also some engineering kits, iPads, cords (Room 117, by main desk)
- Some new outlets in the Periodicals Room (product name Thread)
- Mindfulness Room (Parks 297, off the Rotunda)

University Committee on Disabilities, Oct. 23, 2017
- Funding from VPDI update
  - o Margo updated us that Dr. Reg Stewart would like us to submit funding requests as they arise. Our likely budget for the year is roughly $1,500.
- Updates from subcommittees
  - o They did not meet due to absences and the Disability Awareness Summit. They will meet this month and discuss an action plan moving forward. Laura Bestler had to step down from the committee, so Megan Johnson is now the sole subcommittee chair of the Faculty/Staff committee.
- Digital accessibility update
  - o Zayira shared the policy update. The old policy has been sitting with Counsel for nearly 2 years. She drafted a much shorter, broader policy. It is currently under review by Counsel and she is awaiting feedback from the task team. We discussed her Digital Accessibility website and resources her office provides.
- Refocus on our priorities, next steps, and plan

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- o In order to make progress, we need to make a list of issues out there. Someone said that we need an online way to submit issues. This way, we can have a living database of issues and work to fix them as money becomes available. I have this almost ready to go live.
- o Our subcommittees need to meet and determine their next steps.
- o Susan Vega Garcia, Steve Moats, and I will meet before the next meeting to discuss Susan's idea of digital accessibility and access and what that looks like within our committee.
- o Miscellaneous: Department of Residence is purchasing a 3D machine in order to make new signage (with Braille) for their facilities. Thanks, Pete! This is exciting news!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11/21 @ 2pm in 3150 Beardshear Hall

VI. Professional Advancement Grant Chair Kevin Natukunda
1. Distribution of PAGs in accordance with the PAG policy
   a. All applicants, both priorities 1 and 2 that applied before the deadlines (October 15th, 5:00pm) for November meetings/conferences were approved.
   b. A total of 110 students were awarded the PAG for the month of November.
2. Margaret Ellen White Award
   a. Nominations are due to the department GPSS senators on November 11th. GPSS senator(s) should submit their nominations to the GPSS PAG chair by November 18th.

VII. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair Hannah Dong
1. Conference website has been updated. Please feel free to provide feedback: http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/research-conference
2. Call for abstracts submission will start early December. Email along with the flyer will be sent to department contacts and senators. Please share the information to your constituents.
3. Finalized the structure of conference program including time-slots for each workshop and keynote speakers.
4. Will work with GPSRC committee members and College of Business to finalize case competition plan.