

Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Monday, September 25, 2017

Campanile Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order:
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. 6:31 p.m.
 - b. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
 - c. Approval of Meeting Notes from August 2017
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum
 - a. Michael Newton, Assistant Vice President, Department of Public Safety/Police Chief
 - i. Senator: You brought up your relationship with Ames PD, and about a year ago there was a push to put more cameras in Campustown but there was a disagreement re: funding/administering them. Has that been resolved?
 - ii. Newton: They can put those on the campus system now, and last I knew that was going to City Council for a vote (tonight) and Student Government endorsed it. Ames PD and we will be able to use it. We have also added over the summer 4 outdoor cameras on campus. Once we have figured out the funding model hopefully we can put more in other places (have identified 10 right now).
 - iii. Senator: Curious about the trainings offered – is there a place to find out what kinds? Cost? Limits to groups?
 - iv. Newton: No cost, and you can get a list from the outreach team (the website needs some updating – its is going to be redone).
 - v. Senator: Revisiting cameras – how did you choose the locations?
 - vi. Newton: It was really based on crime statistics and calls for service. Before we launch them we'll have more conversations for feedback, such as the safety walk. Please let us know which spots you are
 - vii. Senator: Do you have any metrics on whether SafeRide makes people feel safer?
 - viii. Newton: We don't have any real data, but we have an app questionnaire that we'll be using more. Anecdotally, lots of convenience.
 - ix. Senator: Do your statistics show that crime has gone down since its introduction?
 - x. Newton: Not really. There is a general downward trend, and it's hard to say what that might be from.
 - xi. Senator: What was the name of the multicultural officers?
 - xii. Newton: Engagement and Inclusion officers
 - xiii. President: On SafeRide, is it through city or on campus?
 - xiv. Newton: Just on campus.
 - xv. President: Lots of graduate students stay off campus. Is there anything you can do to help?
 - xvi. Newton: Some people use it from one university facility to another

- xvii. President: What is the status of the investigation on white supremacist literature posted on campus?
- xviii. Newton: A dead-end. Have reviewed camera footage and conducted interviews. Not the only site in Iowa that's been hit.

b. Cody West, president, Student Government

- i. Senator: Can you repeat the location (of the town hall)?
- ii. West: Marston 2155, 5-7 p.m. This one will be on campus climate.
- iii. Senator: Do you have an example of a Green Initiative-funded project?
- iv. West: It's a new account and there are no projects yet.
- v. Treasurer: Is there a maximum that an organization can receive (excellence fund)?
- vi. West: No, but the request should be related to reach.
- vii. Senator: Do you plan to have the Greendot bystander training accessible for graduate students?
- viii. West: Yes, it's for everyone at ISU.
- ix. Senator: I know there has been some rebranding of the free speech area, but am concerned about the props that people (not students) sometimes bring. Is there any policy or licensing requirement made of people coming with props?
- x. West: One thing we're doing right now is solidifying our visitors code of conduct, which has been lacking in the past, on abiding by ISU principles of community.
- xi. Newton: There is also the grounds use policy. And, when we get calls, we go out and check. In almost all cases they are within the current policy.
- xii. Senator: Can those policies be shared?
- xiii. Newton: Absolutely
- xiv. Treasurer: The Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion has a website now for reporting incidents (see the notes in the URLA report) and giving feedback.
- xv. West: It's also on the campus climate webpage – campusclimate.iastate.edu.
- xvi. Senator: I didn't hear much about strategies/initiatives regarding the inclusion of multicultural students. Does SG have any plan to support ISU's welcome campaign?
- xvii. West: We have a diversity committee, and a couple welcoming events planned, and a couple displays on campus, and a great training on it at the SG retreat.
- xviii. West: Greendot kick-off is Wednesday
- xix. West: We struggle with engagement, including on town halls. We find that mass emails are ineffective and Facebook ads and passing out flyers are more effective.
- xx. Senator: Are you looking to increase student involvement in the community/city?
- xxi. West: There are informal representatives and the city council's ex-officio liaison; we should look at getting a graduate student there as well, and faculty/staff and a few other community members. Working on parking, tenant relations.

III. Executive Reports to the Senate

a. President

- i. Senator: Can you say if there are any internal candidates?

- ii. President: No, but all are very well qualified. Hopefully by the end of the week we will know who will be brought here for campus interviews. Please attend them.
 - iii. Senator: You mentioned regular meetings with the provost; would you remind him about Chapter 9?
 - iv. President: Yes. Dr. Graves mentioned in the last Graduate Council meeting that they are looking at the whole handbook, and he would prefer that best practices and policies be separated. In chapter 9 there is a lot of "should" language, which is more best practices in nature. Before we go further there will be some graduate student review.
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Senator: How will we know if we're on a committee officially?
 - ii. VP: We'll make sure everyone gets an email and discuss which ones haven't received emails yet.
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Chief Information Officer
 - e. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
 - i. Senator: How can we find out more about the committees?
 - ii. URLA: The website has some sometimes limited information, but email me if you have further questions.
 - f. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
 - g. Professional Advancement Grant Chair
 - h. Graduate Student Government Senator(s)
 - i. Senator: Regarding the upcoming disability summit, FYI you have to register for it.
 - i. Special Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
 - a. Senate Bill F17-02 Confirming Graduate Student to the Student Government Senate
 - i. Senator: What are the requirements for the position?
 - ii. SG Senator: 3.0 GPA, attend all meetings, hold an office hour
 - iii. Voting: 92% aye, 3% nay, 5% abstain
 - b. Senate Resolution F17-01 Shared Governance
 - i. Senator: We discussed this last semester. I am curious, what has changed?
 - ii. URLA: [Explanation of the context, GPSS defining what it means – should also send it to administrators]
 - iii. Senator: Don't forget the Board of Regents
 - iv. VP: Could send it back to committee, could continue debate (which would help determine what needs to be added/amended)
 - v. Senator: In add'n to the Resolved clause, see no mention of Student Government – should we be more specific on what we mean when we mention "students"?
 - vi. Senator: On the website mentioned in the title, does it actually exist yet?
 - vii. URLA: Will check

- viii. Senator: You mentioned use of "shared governance" elsewhere. Is that in actual practice or language?
- ix. URLA: It's a mixture
- x. Motion to send back to committee
- xi. Seconded
- xii. Sent back to Rules Committee

- VI. Senate Forum
- VII. Roll Call and Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

Approved