



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Officer Reports

Monday, September 25, 2017

I. President Vivek Lawana

1. The tuition task force presented their report to Board of Regents. Please see the highlights on this web page- <http://www.iowaregents.edu/plans-and-policies/tuition-task-force/>
2. I attended the Know Your Rights panel discussion. If you are or if you know any graduate student (or family) affected by the current DACA announcement from US government, please ask them to contact me and I will give them updates from the forum.
 1. Student Government has created a statement. If you want to show your support, please sign here- <https://www.stugov.iastate.edu/daca/>
3. Updates from Vice President of Diversity and Inclusions special meeting happened on 09.14.2017. Thank you to all the senators who attended it in a very short notice. Please find the attached presentation from that day. Please be encouraged to forward the presentation to your constituent and start a dialog on the same.
4. President Search Update-
 1. If you have not already read the news already, then we had received over 60 applications for ISU President job. After 5 hours of very detailed and careful discussion, the search committee has selected 8 finalist for next in person interviews.
 2. The second rounds of in person interviews are scheduled on September 26 and 27.
 3. I would like to thank to all the senators once again for sending their remarks on what they would like to see in next president. These emails definitely help me with this process.
5. 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.
 1. Please let me know if you have anything that you need me to communicate with any/all of these.

II. Vice President George H. Weston

1. Rules Committee
 - a. We currently have two members for the Rules Committee and we are looking for a few more members. This committee will be in charge of developing changes to the Constitution, By-laws, and Standing Rules, so it makes sense that kind of responsibility is spread out among more senators.
 - b. I had a meeting with the Vice President and Speaker of the Senate for Student Government about the SG/GPSS Articles of Cooperation. Some initial proposals:



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1. Focus on matching scholarship funds for our Graduate College Senators that serve in Student Government.
2. Allowance of Graduate College Senators being able to serve on a GPSS committee in order to fulfill their SG committee requirement.
- c. All legislation this week went through committee with unanimous approval.
2. Social Committee
 - a. We are looking at the possibility of doing a joint Social with VetMed on Saturday, November 11th before the Iowa State University football game.
 - b. To join either committee, please email me at gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu

III. Treasurer Maria B. Mantilla Perez

a. Treasurer Activities:

1. **September 29th 2017** (5:00pm) is the deadline for Regular Allocations.
2. John and I worked on the FY2017 Transaction records and compared what was projected and what was spent.

	FY 2017 (Projected)	FY 2017 (Actual)	FY 2018 (Projected)
<u>Income</u>			
Student Activities Fee	\$166,000.00	\$161,016.05	\$166,000.00
-Fall	\$80,000.00	\$79,706.10	\$80,000.00
-Spring	\$76,000.00	\$71,347.47	\$78,000.00
-Summer	\$10,000.00	\$9,962.48	\$8,000.00
Vending	\$8,300.00	\$3,200.56	\$7,500.00
Graduate College Transfer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Surplus from prior year	\$13,335.74	\$19,149.39	\$7,566.53
Total Income	\$187,635.74	\$183,366.00	\$196,066.53
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Exec Committee	\$18,000.00	\$17,459.71	\$18,800.00
Exec Scholarships	\$16,800.00	\$16,100.00	\$17,600.00
Office/Communications	\$1,200.00	\$1,359.71	\$1,200.00
<i>Social Committee</i>			
Fall Social	\$1,900.00	\$1,317.64	\$2,000.00
Spring Social	\$1,400.00	\$1,801.65	\$1,500.00
Mid-semester Social	\$900.00	\$1,176.61	\$1,000.00
Senator Social	\$300.00	\$271.96	\$300.00



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<i>Finance Committee</i>	\$35,000.00	\$34,211.00	\$35,000.00
Regular Allocations	\$34,000.00	\$34,211.00	\$34,000.00
-Fall	\$17,000.00	\$11,985.00	\$17,000.00
-Spring	\$17,000.00	\$22,226.00	\$17,000.00
Special Allocations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<i>URLA Chair</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
NAGPS Dues	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<i>PAG Committee</i>	\$115,500.00	\$113,700.00	\$127,500.00
Wakonse	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
T/R/L Awards	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00
Monthly PAGs	\$109,000.00	\$107,000.00	\$121,000.00
-July	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-August	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-September	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-October	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-November	\$10,750.00	\$10,750.00	\$11,750.00
-December	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-January	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-February	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-March	\$10,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$11,750.00
-April	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-May	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
-June	\$8,750.00	\$8,750.00	\$9,750.00
<i>GPSRC Committee</i>	\$7,000.00	\$5,360.90	\$6,000.00
Speaker/Programming	\$3,000.00	\$1,360.90	\$2,000.00
GPSRC	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$180,500.00	\$175,799.47	\$192,600.00
Reserve Account	\$45,000.76	\$45,000.76	\$45,000.00
Surplus	\$7,135.74	\$7,566.53	\$3,466.53

*Notice that we received less money than projected from student fees and it is very



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likely the amount of money received from student fees this year will drop.

b. I will get the numbers of fall registration by November.

IV. Chief Information Officer Gaurav Kandoi

1. Number of senators as of September 23, 2017: 69
2. Graduate College Website Committee:
 - a. Members: Dr. Graves, Dean of Graduate College; 4 other members from Graduate College; 1 from VetMed; 1 from Dietics Internship program and me.
 - b. Objective is to make the GC college website more useful for prospective students, current students, faculty, staffs and postdocs and to serve as a central resource for Graduate Success Center.
 - c. Please visit Graduate College website and suggest improvements in terms of content, design and visibility.
 - d. Please report any typos, grammatical errors, broken or missing links and/or anything that should be fixed.
 - e. You can send your suggestions to me at gpsscio@iastate.edu. I'll compile the senate suggestions and forward to the GC website committee (with or without names).
3. Report any errors on GPSS website, placards, and clickers etc.
4. 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>

V. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair Michael Belding

1. No report provided.

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 (September 15th, 5:00pm) for October meetings/conferences were approved.
2. Please consider to be part of the PAG Committee.
 - a. Email me at gpsspag@iastate.edu if you are interested or need more information.
3. 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.
 - b. Dr. Daniel Nettleton from the Department of Statistics, was the recipient of the Margaret Ellen White Award

VII. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair Hannah Dong



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1. Confirmed Keynote speakers:
 - 1.1 Patrick Schnable (Distinguished professor, Iowa State University, Agronomy)
 - 1.2 Joel Best (Author of best selling books, University of Delaware, Sociology)
 - 1.3 An astronaut, unconfirmed
 - 1.4 If you have more suggestions for keynote speaker, please contact me.
2. Met with representatives in these units and confirmed the following workshops:
 - 2.1 Center for Communication Excellence
 - 2.2 ISSO
 - 2.3 Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
 - 2.4 Research Park
 - 2.5 Pappajohns Center
 - 2.6 Graduate College Career Services
 - 2.7 Someone from College of Design, unconfirmed
 - 2.8 Any more suggestions for the workshop, please contact me.
3. Tentative Timeline
 - 3.1 Sep: Finalize keynote speakers and workshop speakers
 - 3.2 Oct: Work with Subcommittee members to make detailed conference plan
 - 3.3 Dec: Call for papers
 - 3.4 Feb: Close call for papers
 - 3.5 Mar: Acceptance notification
4. Current GPSRC committee members= 11. Thank you so much for serving as committee members: Zahidah Ab Latif, Rui (Michael) Ding, Zahra Hosseini, Niranajan Krish, Fatemah Davoud, Amanda Bries. Lily Mathison, Amrit Venkates, Amit Mahapatra, Mashud Alam, and Qingyun Li
5. Thank you, Amanda Bries, for providing good suggestions for workshop speakers.
6. Updated Research Conference website.
7. Please email me if you want to be part of the committee: gpsconfchair@iastate.edu