



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2019; 6:34 PM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 6:30 P.M.
 - i. Roll Call - 47 out of 70
 - ii. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from October
 - iv. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum (*40 Min*)
 - i. None
- III. Executive Reports to the Senate: (*40 Min*)
 - i. Report of the President
 - a. **Senator 1:** Can you explain more about the time commitment for the Campus Climate Focus groups?
 - b. **President:** 4 meetings lasting 1-1.5 hours. Still waiting on approval from the Dean of the Graduate College - requirement would be 4-8 hours/month. The sign-up form is located at: gpss.iastate.edu application [form here](#)
 - c. **Senator 2:** What resources are we expecting from them?
 - d. **President:** There are 27 resources or different programs for undergraduate students and we will identify how they can be applied to graduate students (ie. wellness, student success, disability).
 - ii. Report of the Vice President
 - a. Announcement: Perfect Games April 12th, 6-9 pm. Musical 'Rent' and after party and cast for (\$25 tickets) \$16 will be paid by the graduate student attendee and GPSS will pay the remainder.
 - iii. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Notice: Regular allocations deadline is February 22nd.
 - b. **Senator 1:** If a club/organization want to do something this semester, can they still apply for the money?
 - c. **Treasurer:** There most likely won't be enough time to process and approve the request for funds if the event will be taking place this Spring 2019 semester.
 - iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer



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- v. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
- vi. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
 - a. Announcement: Dr. David Buss - TEDex speaker and psychologist - “Human Mating Behavior” will be the Keynote at GPSRC
 - b. **Senator 1**: How will the networking event exactly work and how will students know whom to approach - the odds of meeting someone from chemistry that is involved in the interest of the student doesn't seem realistic. Is there a way we could get the contact information, otherwise I don't see how students would benefit from it.
 - c. **GPSRC**: College career directors want to know who you want to see. So please send me an email with names so they can focus on who to invite. It doesn't mean they will come. To answer your question, we could potentially give a list so that you can identify the attendees easier.
 - d. **Senator 2**: Suggestions - I am coordinating a similar events for National Associations – serve the broad or discipline based. Give each person a table to facilitate a more organized networking opportunity/discussion.
- vii. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
 - a. Announcement: There were 8 applications and 4 went off to graduate college for the final round
 - b. **Senator 1**: New PAG system - when students indicate the names of GPSS senators, we also get the emails indicating the student has submitted a PAG application. Is there concern for privacy of the student's information?
 - c. **PAG**: They must be entering in the wrong contact information. The only individuals who are able to see the application include the PAG chair and department Contact (staff member who processes the information).
 - d. **Senator 2**: Who are the four final nominees for the MEW award?
 - e. **PAG**: Kevin Schalinkse (Food Science & Human Nutrition), Vikram Dalal (Electrical & Computer Engineering), Denise Crawford (Education), and Young Lee (Chemistry)
 - f. **Senator 2**: For the PAG departmental contact – and the updates with the improved service delivery, I am wondering whether we should keep the contact the same or find the correct individual?
 - g. **PAG**: I would reach out to someone to identify if anything has changed, but it is important to identify the right contact, otherwise it could delay and forfeit your PAG grant application. My suggestion is to contact your DOGE to see if there have been any updates.



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- h. **Senator 2:** Could we leave it blank or find a temporary contact?
- i. **PAG:** Yes, however, you would have to get me the right information before last day of the conference in order to secure the funding. Please email me if there are any concerns.
- j. **CIO:** At beginning of last semester, we sent email to all department contacts to email the nominated senators - they introduced the new staff - all information is updated in the online system in GPSS website.

viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator

- a. **VP:** How is this different from word?
- b. **Senator:** Context and grammar writing and the premium link has the capabilities of plagiarisms with use of a database of over 16 billion documents for comparison.

ix. Report of Special Committees

IV. Unfinished Business (30 min)

- i. None

V. New Business (30 Min)

- i. None

VI. Senate Forum (20 Min)

- i. **Amit – Student Gov Rep:** Introduced “Humans of New York” for exposing graduate students profiles and bios to our online platforms. The idea is to get to know other students and showcase the breadth of talent and uniqueness every student possesses.
- ii. **President:** It would be interesting to get to know more about the Senators and Exec, too.
- iii. **GPSRC:** The idea is to showcase and allow the graduate college and our social media platforms to see the individuals and what they are doing to expand their field and career.
- iv. **Senator 1:** Curious, did you do the photographing yourself?
- v. **Amit:** Yes!
- vi. **Senator 2:** Recently, there was a bill that recently passed discussing more affordable childcare – I can email this out to our senate.
- vii. Announcement/Event: March 1st - Plant Breeding Student - Symposium
- viii. Announcement/Event: February 18th Scott Kelly
- ix. Announcement/Event: February 7th Science of Flirting

VII. Roll Call and Announcements - 49 out of 70

VIII. Adjournment - 7:14 pm