

## President Updates

1. Graduate coffee hour is coming this spring! To forge connections and relax outside of our business offices, graduate and professional students are invited to a coffee hour for informal conversation. The event is scheduled for 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday January 24 in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union. Coffee, hot tea, and snacks will be provided (by the Graduate College!). This is open for all graduate & professional students.
2. I would like to draw attention to two resources on Main campus. First, the 'Let's Talk' walk-in counseling service for students who may not be familiar with counseling and want more of an informal introductory discussion. There are open, walk-in hours in the Memorial Union Monday-Thursday, see more here: <https://www.counseling.iastate.edu/outreach-presentations/lets-talk/>
3. Second, the Ombuds office can be an integral resource for managing interpersonal professional relationships. This is a neutral consulting opportunity housed in Physics Hall. See more here: <http://www.ombuds.iastate.edu/>
4. The Office of the Registrar graciously met with us to discuss prices, policies, and diplomas. Currently, the diploma sizes are as follows:
  - Bachelors: 8.5" x 11"
  - Masters: 10" x 13"
  - Doctorate: 11" x 14"

We are proposing the option for doctoral students to purchase larger, hand-calligraphed diplomas. The Registrar is open to discussing this, provided there is enough interest, and mentioned that the cost would likely not be exorbitant.

5. The Memorial Union is undergoing many renovations and upcoming projects. Necessary structural renovations are occurring to the Great Hall Floor, Sun Room, South Ballroom and Second Floor Hallway. Lounge space is likely to be added to the 2nd and 3rd floors, and major construction projects are planned for floors 4-6 beginning in 2021.

## Vice President Updates

1. Fall Social: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30 PM at Perfect Games. The GPSS is paying for the cost of bowling, bowling shoe rentals, pizza, and soda. Attendees may purchase alcohol at their own expense. This event is open to all graduate and professional students.
2. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GPSS: May 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. There will likely be a substantial event for this; we're currently working with ISU administration on what this might look like.
3. Website: GPSS legislation that has been scanned in previously should be working. If you are interested in having the GPSS take on an issue, feel free to look at past legislation for guidance, and let the Rules Committee know if you have any questions.

## Treasurer Updates

We received 25 fall allocation applications from different graduate & professional student organizations. There's one organization that withdrew their application. After thorough discussion, the finance committee recommend accepting 22 and rejecting 2 of them. Details are shown in the table below. If you have any question about the decision, please email the treasurer ([gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu) or [rding@iastate.edu](mailto:rding@iastate.edu)) for more details. In the meeting on Dec 2nd, the treasurer will also explain more details. A bill will be submitted for senate approval.

Student Org Name	Adjusted
Society of Applied Spectroscopy Student Chapter (SASSC)	\$ 92.00
Student Chapter of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists	\$ 695.00
Graduate Research in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology	\$ 923.00
Human Computer Interaction Student Group	\$ 0
Plant Breeding and Genetics Student Organization	\$ 904.00
Sustainable Agriculture Student Association (SASA)	\$ 889.00
Computer Science Graduate Student Organization	\$ 853.00
Entomology Graduate Student Organization (EGSO)	\$ 843.00
MGSO	\$ 876.00
Graduate Students in Social Psychology	\$ 869.00
Graduate Students in History	\$ 766.00
Association of Shelter Veterinarians	\$ 784.00
Toxicology Graduate Student Organization	\$ 806.00
Mathematics Graduate Student Organization	\$ 923.00
MBA Association	\$ 409.00
Graduate Genetics and Genomics Group	\$ 867.00
Mechanical Graduate Student Organization	\$ 648.00
Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Graduate Student Organization	\$ 923.00
Graduate Meteorology Club	\$ 541.00
Geology Graduate Student Organization	\$ 795.00
Graduate Students in Architecture	\$ 0
HDFS Graduate Student Network	\$ 789.00
Chemical Engineering Student Organization	\$ 901.00
American Association of Equine Practitioners	\$ 904.00
	\$ 17,000.00

## CIO Updates

- 1) We have new senators
  - a) Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management: Malvika Rajagopal
  - b) Agricultural Economics: Samer Salameh

- c) Economics: Sher Afghan Asad
- 2) We need senators who can do html coding on GPSS Website.
- 3) #ISUGradStories on our website:
  - a) We share ISU graduate student academic stories on our website (a separate branch).
  - b) It is open to ALL ISU graduate students, so spread the words!
  - c) Please send the CIO [gpsscio@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsscio@iastate.edu) your stories by answering (not limited to, but academically) the following questions if you want to be featured on our ISUGradStories webpage!!!
  - d) Please feel free to send your personal photos along if you'd like. An example page:
    - i) Program of study and year:
    - ii) Hometown:
    - iii) What are your research interests and why did you choose them?
    - iv) What is one thing you think everyone should know about your research project or research interests?
    - v) What advice would you give students applying for research funding opportunities? (if apply)
    - vi) Give a shout-out to a professor, mentor, advisor, or someone at ISU who has helped you?
    - vii) What extracurricular programs or groups have you been a part of ISU that are foundational to your experience here?
    - viii) What is the most valuable experience you have had while studying at ISU?
    - ix) What do you plan to do after you graduate from ISU?
    - x) What motivates you?
    - xi) Please feel free to share more information and stories about your academic life at ISU!
    - xii) If you use social media, please feel free to mention your social media handles as well!

## URLA Chair

- 1) University Wide Committee Appointments
  - a) If you have any questions regarding appointments or believe that there have been any mistakes please contact URLA Chair, Marcus Jansen. ([marcusd@iastated.edu](mailto:marcusd@iastated.edu))
  - b) We ask that all committee representatives send a short report summarizing the committee's work by the end of the year (January 1<sup>st</sup>) to the URLA Chair.
    - i) More details and a request form to be send out soon.
- 2) University Relations & Legislative Affairs Committee
  - a) Next meeting will be held right before the December main meeting at 5:30pm on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Memorial Union Campanile Room.
  - b) Continued Committee Efforts

- i) University Relations
  - (1) Providing parliamentary procedure resources for senators
  - (2) Developing a bulleted list of senator expectations
  - (3) Conducting a senator survey
- ii) Legislative Affairs
  - (1) Connecting GPSS senators and other graduate students with Iowa legislators on committee representing their field or industry
- c) Anyone interested in joining the URLA Committee can reach out to Marcus Jansen ([marcusd@iastate.edu](mailto:marcusd@iastate.edu)).

## PAG Chair

No report.

## GPSRC Chair

1. Keynote speaker has been identified! Aisha Moore will give a keynote on professional burn out and how to become a proficient and effective leader by practicing self-care
  - a. <https://www.selfcarebyaisha.com/>
  - b. Received funding from the lectures committee for our keynote speaker
2. GPSRC Committee will be meeting prior to break to finalize professional development workshops and abstract submission
  - a. Abstract submission and registration will be open the second week of December
3. Met with Events Management Office to organize the lay out of the conference at the Memorial Union
4. Senators from Vet Med: How can we get students involved?