



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, December 2, 2019; 6:30 PM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 6:30 PM
 - i. Roll Call
 - ii. Statement of Quorum
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from October meeting (*approved*)
 - iv. Adoption of the Agenda (*approved*)
- II. Speakers (*5 min for each speaker*)
 - i. GPSS Senators
 - a. *Senator Johnson (Entomology):*
 1. *11 total faculty (4 full professors, including President Wintersteen who holds her PhD from the department)*
 2. *6 students last month won at the Entomological National Conference*
 3. *Last year that ISU has a stand-alone department; plan to merge to Plant Pathology by Summer 2020 due to limited resources, desire for new faculty, etc.*
 1. *Graduate students are thinking about the effects of the merger, ie. the standalone seminar series*
 2. *Previously had an undergraduate major, but no longer do (concern for status of graduate degree)*
 3. *Not enough students to maintain two separate senators → there will only be one to represent the merged body*
 4. *Loss of budget autonomy as they merge together (unknown variables)*
 - b. *Senator Chatterjee (Architecture)*
 1. *Multiple degrees in the Department of Architecture*
 2. *Concerns for participation in GPSS, but a lot of it has to do with the workload*
 3. *The credit load is intense, and sometimes can restrict the ability to attend social events*
 4. *Architecture is not just teaching/studying; project-based (design, building, etcetera.)*
 5. *National accreditation of the architecture programs*
 6. *Ranked in the top 25 of the United States for the past 13 years*
 7. *Invite renowned architectures to come and lecture (accessible by all and are online)*
 8. *CCL <https://www.design.iastate.edu/architecture/research/computation-construction-lab-ccl/>*
 9. *NOMA recognition in national competition*
<https://www.design.iastate.edu/news/2019/10/iowa-state-nomas-competition/>
- III. Special Orders
 - i. Report of the Special Committee for Constitutional Revision
 - a. *Committee report sent out (questions? → no questions → submitted to Senate)*
 - ii. Senate Bill F19-10 Adoption of the GPSS By-Laws Recommended by the Committee for Constitutional Revision



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- a. 6:43PM: *Open to debate*
 - b. 6:44PM: *vote (2/3rd majority to pass) → 50-1-7 (passes)*
 1. *Point of information? Are you ready for the question requires a “yes” or affirmative of some kind, mainly looking for a no/objection to be raised if people would like to halt moving forward*
 - iii. Senate Bill F19-11 Ratification of the GPSS Constitution Recommended by the Committee for Constitutional Revision
 - a. 6:47: *debate on this bill?*
 1. *Change to when executive terms begin*
 2. *Change to update attendance policy (contentious issue in the past)*
 1. *That is also in the by-laws*
 3. *This is not supposed to change much as by-laws can be more flexible*
 1. *Impeachment will go to Rules Committee, but what if it is the Vice President (head of Rules Committee) → responding officer has 7 days, in theory that could be something that could be added and debated on now if people wished (Article 8.3)*
 2. *It would be most appropriate to have a forced recusal, but it is not currently in the code*
 4. **Effort of transparency → we are ratifying a NEW CONSTITUTION (not just amending the other one)**
 5. *Catastrophic event question → what would be an appropriate amount of time to call a special election especially after it was a rushed procedure for the PAG chair, etc.*
 1. *Concern that senate would be bypassed for that period of time, open for discussion?*
 - b. 6:56p: *proposition to vote on this in a month since people did not realize it was a completely new constitution*
 - c. 6:57p *seconded*
 1. *Only ordered that a draft/new*
 - d. **6:57 passes → POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY MEETING**
 - iv. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER PREVIOUS MOTION F19-10 → passes**
 - v. **MOTION TO MOVE F19-10 to January → passes by UC**
- IV. Executive Reports to the Senate: (40 min) → **REFER TO EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**
- i. Report of the President
 - a. *Holding graduate student coffee hours q1mo (any graduate/professional student welcome)*
 - b. *Still places available at ISU CVM for child care support*
 - c. *Let's Talk walk in counseling services*
 - d. *Look at the other points listed*
 - ii. Report of the Vice President
 - a. *Fall social Dec 8th 4:30-6:330PM at Perfect Games (S/O welcome)*
 - b. *50th anniversary of GPSS in May 13th, 2020 (unsure what this will look like)*
 - c. *GPSS legislation to be hopefully put on the website*
 - iii. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. *Fall Allocations (25 received, one organization withdrew, acceptance of 22 and rejection of 2)*



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- b. *Any questions about allocations can be addressed now or via email*
 - 1. *Are we able to see what exactly we funded?*
 - 1. *Yes (shared within the committee, but you can see exactly what has been funded, but it is not appropriate to share with everyone)*
 - 2. *We do not have the detailed expenditures because it is not the financial policy or by-laws to share, so if you wish to change that you can propose a bill*
- iv. *Report of the Chief Information Officer*
 - a. *New senators*
 - 1. *Senator Malvika Rjagopal*
 - 2. *Senator Samer Salameh*
 - 3. *Senator Sher Sfgnan Asad*
 - b. *ISU Grad Stories! Please send them to gpsscio@iastate.edu*
 - c. *Executive members and email addresses → until now, the emails were Gmail addresses*
 - 1. *Working with ITS, they have now provided with an official Iowa State email addresses*
 - 2. *Provided with CyBox storage as well for archives*
- v. *Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair*
 - a. *University wide committee appointments (questions regarding appointments, and short report by January 1st 2020)*
- vi. *Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair*
 - a. *Aisha Moore runs her own business and is giving a keynote on burnout and how to be an effective leader by practicing self-care*
 - b. *Selfcarebyaisha.com*
 - c. *April 7, 2020 8PM in Sun Room of MU*
 - d. *December 12, 2019 for finalizing professional development workshops and opening abstract submissions (hoping to have them open around December 13, 2019)*
- vii. *Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair*
 - a. *No report, but continue to share with constituents*
- viii. *Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator*
 - a. *Report on two things:*
 - 1. *Food pantries on campus (3 of them)*
 - 2. *Running some ready to run workshops for Womxn in Government*
 - 1. *December 3rd from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Memorial Union Pioneer Room : Ready to Win - Womxn for StuGov*
 - 2. *January 28th from 5:00 p - 7:00 p.m.: Womxn in Politics Official Elections Informational Session and Panel*
 - 3. *February 3rd from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.: Ready to Win - Womxn in Politics Campaign Messaging*
- ix. *Report of the Special Committee on Graduate and Professional Student Wellness*
 - a. *Committee has met twice in the past month*
 - b. *Planning on GPS Week in the spring semester*
 - 1. *Any ideas, on campus, off campus, a lot of stuff is up in the air*
 - 2. *Please email or ask questions (also welcome to join committee as well)*
- V. *Unfinished Business (30 min) → NONE*



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- VI. New Business (40 min)
 - i. Senate Bill F19-12 Fall 2019 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
 - a. *Questions? None*
 - b. *(55-0-4) → passes*
 - ii. Call for Nominations for Graduate Student Government Senators
 - a. *\$200/semester stipend (discuss with Senator Johnson if there are any questions)*
- VII. Senate Forum (20 min)
 - i. *Questions about giving an incomplete more often than not for graduate level courses until giving their thesis (wondering if still being investigated)*
 - ii. *Grammarly updates? → no updates, 'any day now' has been the response*
 - iii. *No picture on the GPSS LinkedIn page, needs updating*
 - a. *Workshops on LinkedIn coming up*
 - iv. *Thank you for coming out to our field day*
 - v. *Please read the Constitution! Make sure there is no loopholes, etc.*
 - a. *Final report for Committees, 3-16 are the reports, the rest are appendices, etc.*
 - b. *It's very important*
 - vi. *By-laws is 21 pages, but about half is from old by-laws and the rest is PAG and other finance*
 - a. *Election procedures*
 - b. *Attendance policies, etc.*
 - vii. *Both the current and proposed versions are attached, but is there a way to create the specific changes more accessible? Tracked changes?*
 - a. *No document that includes that since so much was from scratch*
 - b. *There may be a way in word to compare two documents, but unsure of what will happen when things are renumbered, etc.*
 - c. *2 pages that cross-lists different sections in the committee report*
 - viii. *Since ratification is being delayed, is there anything crucial that is being effective?*
 - a. *Articles of Cooperation with Student Government, but it is not currently up for debate*
 - ix. *Wanted to expedite this process especially with the issue of the PAG chair*
 - a. *Major holes in previous constitution (replaced that position), but we wanted to be proactive in case anything happened*
 - b. *Many things were outdated, and so it is best that it is postponed so that you can read it, but it still is important to handle swiftly so that we are not operating under an archaic document*
 - c. *Cynical in the scrutiny, ie. catastrophic events, if the VP is impeached, etc.*
 - 1. *If you don't see it in the constitution, or the final report, email the committee or James*
 - x. *GPSS photo after adjournment*
- VIII. Roll Call and Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

Total # of Senators: 76
Absent Senators: 12 (excluding the ones with a sub)
Subs: 3
Senators attended: 61