

GPSS OFFICER REPORT

September 2019

President

1. What would you like to get out of your year in Senate?
2. Volunteers for Open Forum (~5 minute state of the program/department) should send the GPSS Vice President an email
3. Workday adjustments.
4. University Childcare Taskforce will meet next month.
5. Grammerly is free for all students (details to follow)
6. The MU is re-branding, and is the homebase for GPSS. Looking to utilize this space more this year!

Vice President

1. Considering running for a GPSS Officer position next year? The best way to prepare yourself for that step is to join a committee!
 - a. Social Committee: Join it.
 - i. Planning the Fall GPSS Social
 - ii. Looking at several other potential events this year
 - b. Rules Committee: Join it.
2. Interested in getting something done in GPSS?
 - a. Ask about submission of legislation (bills, orders, and resolutions) to the Rules Committee to bring it to the floor! Examples of past legislation can be found at <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/current-senate/legislation-history>; this can be used to provide guidance if you want to submit legislation.
 - b. New business can also be brought to the floor after all items of new business on the agenda are taken care of.
3. GPSS Officers go to a lot of meetings
 - a. Board of Regents Breakfasts (Marcus attended the most recent meeting)
 - b. Meeting with Dean Graves and Provost Wickert
 - c. Meeting with President Wintersteen and Student Government Administration
 - d. Graduate Council
 - i. Contentious issue regarding ability of non-tenure track Research Professor to independently chair a POS committee

Treasurer

1. Welcome to join Finance Committee!
 - a) We will meet together in **October** to make decisions on allocations to graduate & professional student organizations, which could be \$1000 a year for each organization. This is a great opportunity to serve the graduate and professional students.
 - b) The deadline of fall allocation application is **Sept 27th**. Please **pass this information around** to graduate and professional organizations in your departments. It is a great funding source for the organizations to invite more guest speaker, hold more workshops or make other educational events happen. The details are in the link below.
<https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/for-students/allocations>
 - c) If you are interested in serving in this committee, please contact me without any hesitation. My email address is gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu.

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CIO

1. CELT made TopHat ready for us to use in senate meetings!
2. Please make sure about your August meeting attendance is correct on GPSS Website (<https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/current-senate/senators>). If you have any questions about it, please contact me.
3. I need senators from Computer Science, Computer Engineering, or individuals who know html coding. These people will be a part of marketing Committee.
4. Also, I need senators for Marketing Committee to help me with GPSS social media.
5. Contacted all departments. We have senators from colleges and departments we did not have before.
6. Fall 2019 Graduate College Orientation video is online at: <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/news> Please feel free to check it out.
7. GPSS exec office hours are online at: <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/> Please feel free to stop by when there is any question or suggestion for us!
8. Senator names and departments are listed on the website: <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/current-senate/senators> If there is any question about your listing information, please contact CIO at gpsscio@iastate.edu.
9. Senate Aug meeting documents are online at <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/current-senate/meetings>
10. Senate committees' members are updated. If you also like to join any of the Senate committees, please let contact the corresponding GPSS exec and copy CIO at gpsscio@iastate.edu. More information is on <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/current-senate/senators/senate-committees>
11. Please follow GPSS on social media!
 - a. GPSS Twitter is @ISUGPSS.
 - b. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GPSS.ISU/>.
 - c. LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/isugpss>
 - d. Instagram: [isu_gpss](https://www.instagram.com/isu_gpss)
12. If you have any problems with using placards, TopHat or receiving emails, please contact gpsscio@iastate.edu
13. If you have any suggestions for the current new website design, please contact gpsscio@iastate.edu
14. Please contact gpsscio@iastate.edu with any attendance questions

URLA

1) University Wide Committee Appointments

- a) Link to information about university wide committees ([Link to University Wide Committees](#)) .
- b) Link to Committee Applications ([Page with Application](#)) that should be submitted to contact Marcus Jansen at gpssurla@iastate.edu.

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- c) We plan to assure that all of the committee appointments are filled by the end of the September Meeting
- 2) **Board of Regents Breakfast**
 - a) Tuition intended to increase to meet the median of our peer institutions
 - b) Students can now utilize their student ID cards as a form of identification for voter registration
- 3) **CALS New Graduate Student Welcome**
 - a) Wednesday, September 18th
- 4) **Senator T-Shirts**
 - a) Anyone who attended the first GPSS meeting can pick up their shirt at the September meeting
- 5) **University Relations & Legislative Affairs Committee**
 - a) We will plan on having a brief meeting after the main September GPSS Meeting

PAG

- 1. Approved PAG for October conferences: 58 applicants.
- 2. PAG budget has on overall 20% increase; more applicants can be approved for each month. We also have extra leftover money from previous months. **So please encourage all your graduate students to apply PAG!**
- 3. **Application deadline is the 15th of the month before your conference month.** All applicants applied after the deadline will be automatically denied. Detailed PAG application deadline can be found here: <https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/pag/deadlines>
- 4. **Margaret Ellen White Award nominations** start now, due by **November 11** to the senators at each department, and **November 18** to the PAG Chair. Please nominate your major professors!
- 5. More information about Margaret Ellen White Award: <https://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white/>

GPSRC

- 1) Attended meeting with Associate Deans of academic colleges on September 5th
 - a. Briefly introduced the Conference and asked for input on ways to make it more inclusive
- 1) Working with Committee on Lectures to identify a keynote speaker
 - a. Applying for funding through this Committee to supplement the budget for the GPSRC
- 2) Reaching out to Deans of Research in each college at organize a meeting
 - a. Met with the Dean of Research in the College of Business
- 3) Meeting with representatives from Career Services and Alumni Association at the end of September
 - a. Organize social networking event for the conference
- 4) Identifying and Organizing speakers for the workshops
 - a. Communicating your Research
- 5) First Committee meeting will occur the last two weeks of October
 - a. Not too late to join!

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