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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Remarks and Reports

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I. Report of the President

- i. I had meeting with Dean David Holger and he mentioned that there is a proposal of 3% tuition increase for graduate students. The proposal is being submitted to BoR and they will be voting on it in early October this year.
 - a. This proposal is with overall tuition increase for all undergraduate students by 2%.
 - b. Also, there is a proposal for 2-tier fee structure for undergraduate students.
- ii. SSFTC meeting updates- I defer this committee update to Treasurer John Hsieh.
- iii. I am the Vice President of MU Board of Director. During our meeting I learned that the MU feasibility fee has been discussed thoroughly with students and administrative staff and they will be perhaps ask for student referendum in Spring 2017.
- iv. Graduate Council Report-
 - a. The new graduate council met in August, discussed the future businesses.
 - b. GPSS resolution for class add/drop (S16-05) was asked to be send back because of new possible records fee.
 - c. The chapter 9 of graduate handbook is send to ISU Leagl/PLAC
 - d. Discussion on moving the thesis/dissertation submission date- it is not possible as it gives very less time for the adding them to commencement booklets.
- v. GPSS Senator Social-
 - a. Thank you all who came and made it a success.
 - b. About 30 senators attended the event
 - c. Overall feedback was very positive and most agreed to continue it in the future.
- vi. There is a new graduate college website-
 - a. Please be advised to personally visit the website and encourage your constients to do so.
- vii. There is currently two searches going on at SVPSA office. More info to follow in next two meetings.
 - a. Associate VP for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
 - b. Director of ISSO
- viii. I attended the President Leath's address. The university is coming up with new mission vision and new strategic plan for next five years with four goals to make ISU even better and welcoming place to all. For more details please see the website- <http://strategicplan.iastate.edu/>. It is encouraged that all students (including graduate and professional students) take part in this and provide their feedback.
- ix. Also, President Leath wants to reinforce the Principles of the Iowa State Community and ask everyone to make sure they use them in their daily routine at ISU. Here they are- <http://www.diversity.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/documents/PrinciplesOfCommunity.pdf>
- x. As my part of my presidential duty, I meet university leadership every month. Please let me know if there is any issue you want me to discuss with them.

II. Report of the Vice President



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- 1 i. The updated handbook and training presentation can be found at
- 2 <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/governing-documents>.
- 3 a. Please keep them handy during Senate meetings.
- 4 ii. Thanks to Vet Med Senators, especially Senator Lange, for helping organize meeting here.

5 III. Report of the Treasurer

- 6 i. Recruiting: We now have 4 members on the FC, which should be enough to survive this
- 7 allocation cycle. However, if you're still interested in joining the FC, please e-mail me
- 8 (gpss treasurer@iastate.edu) for more information.
- 9 ii. SSFTC Update: There was a last minute addition of \$30 to the Technology Fee for 2017-18
- 10 for the purchase of a new ERP system per Jim Kurtenbach. Additionally, there will be
- 11 another \$30 increase proposed for 2018-19 to fully ramp up the cost for the new system.
- 12 Below is the summary of this school year's fees (that was just collected) and the updated
- 13 proposed fees for FY18 (next school year) that was submitted for approval.

	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>Proposed 2017-18</u>	<u>Increases 2017-18</u>
Building Fee	55.10	55.10	
Technology Fee	230.00	260.00	30.00
Health Fee	216.00	240.00	24.00
Health Facilities Fee	16.00	16.00	
Recreation Fee	321.60	321.60	
Student Activities Fee	73.50	73.50	
Student Services Fee	<u>209.20</u>	<u>213.70</u>	<u>4.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,121.40</u>	<u>\$1,149.90</u>	<u>\$58.50</u>

- 14 a. Despite Vivek's opposition to the last minute fee addition, the SSFTC still went forth
- 15 with the proposed fee increase outline above.
- 16 iii. GPSS Fall Social Update: The final expenses for the Fall Social has been tallied. The
- 17 budgeted amount for the social was \$1,900 and we ended up at \$1,299.91. We were able to
- 18 return all of the unopened items back to Sam's club, which represented the difference from
- 19 the actual budgeted amount.
- 20 iv. GPSS Senator Social: Thank you to all that attended our first GPSS senator social. The
- 21 budget for this event was \$300 and we ended up really close to the actual budget at
- 22 \$251.77.



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- 1 v. GPSS Fall Regular Allocations: The allocation applications were due as of last Friday. We
2 received a total of ___ applications. The FC will be working hard to review these
3 applications and present our recommendation at the next GPSS meeting (October).
- 4 **IV. Report of the Chief Information Officer**
- 5 i. Call for CIO Committee members. Any background will be welcomed, knowledge in
6 computer science or web development is not required.
- 7 ii. If you still have any problems with using placards, clickers or receiving emails, please
8 contact gpsscio@iastate.edu
- 9 iii. Please check GPSS Facebook page and Twitter account for upcoming events update.
- 10 iv. If you have any suggestions for current new website design, please contact
11 gpsscio@iastate.edu
- 12 v. Please contact gpsscio@iastate.edu with any attendance questions.
- 13 **V. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair**
- 14 i. Please forward the attached committee list to your constituents.
- 15 **VI. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair**
- 16 i. Distribution of PAGs in accordance with the PAG policy
- 17 a. All applicants, both priorities 1 and 2 that applied before the deadlines (September 15th,
18 5:00pm) for October meetings/conferences were approved.
- 19 b. October applications:
- 20 1. Submission total: 57
- 21 2. Approved priority 1: 31
- 22 3. Approved priority 2: 24
- 23 4. Denied: 2 (Submitted past the deadline)
- 24 c. Leftover funds moved from October to November: \$ 15,139.24
- 25 ii. Dr. Basil Nikolau from the Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular
26 Biology (BBMB) was the recipient of the Margaret Ellen White Award
- 27 **VII. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair**
- 28 i. Met with respective persons in these units and received commitment for the following
29 workshops:
- 30 a. Grad Career Services: CV/Resume workshop
- 31 b. Counselling Services: Work life balance, stress reduction, introduction to biofeedback
- 32 c. Vice President Research: Grant writing with focus on broader impacts
- 33 d. Center for Comm. Excellence: Research paper and statement
- 34 e. Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching: Best poster practices
- 35 f. Library: Data management
- 36 ii. Met with Director of University Lectures Committee for discussion regarding the
37 invited/keynote speaker. Still working on finalizing the speaker.
- 38 iii. First committee meeting was on September 8th.
- 39 a. 4 people attended the meeting.
- 40 b. Finalized the subcommittees.
- 41 c. Decided the tentative timeline.



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- 1 1. Invited speaker – September end
- 2 2. Finalize workshops – October end
- 3 3. Call for papers – December 1st- 2nd week
- 4 4. Close call for papers – February mid
- 5 5. Acceptance notification – March 1st week
- 6 *d. Till now, we have 9 people in total who have shown their interest to work in GPSRC*
- 7 *organizing committee.*
- 8 iv. Met with Associate Dean, College of Business on September 20th.
- 9 a. Ideas for workshops related to entrepreneurship.
- 10 b. Ideas for case competition or B-plan in conference to increase participation from CoB.
- 11 v. Meeting with Director ISU Research Park.
- 12 a. Industrial collaboration in the conference.
- 13 b. Any potential topics for workshop.
- 14 vi. Please email me if you are interested to be part of the organizing committee.