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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL Student Senate Meeting Notes

Meeting Minutes

February 23rd, 2015

1. (7:02pm) Called to order

- a. 7:03 Quorum (barely) met
- b. 7:04 UC approve January minutes
- c. 7:07 Add Policy Library, Library Dean search, Finance Committee to senate forum
- d. 7:08 UC approve move Open Forum first
- e. 7:09 Remove Senate Bill S15-05 from agenda

2. Open Forum

- a. 7:09 Roberta Johnson - Director of student financial aid
 - i. New student loan education office
 - ii. Other slides attached
 - iii. Cost of attendance \$9,172 / \$22,096
 - iv. loan rates currently 6.21%, interest does accrue
 - v. Interested in being the advisor to GPSS - Benefit to Graduate students is having a direct report to administration and many years of experience at the university
- b. 7:19 GSB President Candidates Dan and Amanda
 - i. Dan - Junior in Business and GSB Vice Speaker - Campaign "No BS" - we have many projects for students and focus on student issues - we do have ideas - We enjoyed Veishea in the past and want to bring it back even bigger - Campus is over crowded - Panda and Subway lines are too long in the MU - I want to see what students want and I want to do something about it - Add outlets to the tables in the library - All student orgs are created equal - Worked with IRHA to rewrite den housing policies - You name an issue, we have thought it already - We have a survey to discover student issues and priorities - Bike Share has no opinions on it
 - ii. Amanda is working with transportation committee to determine the best route forward for the Bike Share and are involving students through comments and on professional experiences.
 - iii. 7:28 Amanda - Add/Drop fees, make the process easier online and remove the fee - Recycling throughout Ames and ISU, including helping Ames with their current program - Can collection spots at the Tailgate lots for



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student org funding - Veishea priority is safety and making it honor the university, move to the fall - Closer communication with student organization presidents, e.g. GPSS's GPSRC.

- iv. 7:31 Amanda - Met with registrar to make sure their plan was implementable. Cost cut to students. Move everything online. Also includes transcripts for life at no cost. Minimize the fees too
- v. 7:34 Amanda - Combine GSB funding accounts to maximize funding available to student organizations. More students enable more funds for more groups
- vi. Dan - If students aren't getting the funding they need, then we will work to get the funds they need and deserve. I won't use GSB funds to fund my projects.
- vii. Dan - Open to discuss the GSB / GPSS funding split
- viii. Dan - Dr. Hill has a committee to help student orgs to host a spring event during the traditional VEISHEA time frame. VEISHEA being a celebration of the university. This will happen even if not the President.
- ix. Amanda - Worried that without VEISHEA too long then may lose the knowledge and experience that had formed VEISHEA in the past. April has concerns with safety, so a survey of events going on led us to the fall where fewer events were happening and could be more of a student showcase
- x. 7:41 Amanda - CyRide has done so much to improve their system and we support CyRide as much as possible. Don't want to cut CyRide services. Almost all graduate students are off campus that CyRide is very important. We are part of the Ames community.
- xi. Dan - Talk with the City of Ames so that student are aware of housing opportunities. More communication of what is available will bring prices down. All for working for something including encouraging developers to build more apartments. CyRide is important to Ames. Efficiency is a priority. Deal with what we already have to meet our needs. Both issues I want to work on.
- xii. March 3 and 4 vote.iastate.edu

3. 7:47 Introduction of New Bills

- a. SO S15-01 installing Roberta Johnson as advisor
- b. SB S15-01 Conduct a spring social and allocate the budget
- c. SB S15-02 Revise the GPSS Constitution
- d. SB S15-03 Revise the GPSS By-Laws
- e. SB S15-04 Revise the GPSS Standing Rules
- f. SB S15-06 Increase regular allocation amount per student org



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- g. SB S15-07 Finance budget for next year
- 4. 7:52 Senate forum**
- a. Inya Nienanya - Drones on campus policy in the development stages - Comfort animals on campus in the development stages - Video cameras in public spaces on campus and creating a unified policy across all campus - These are drafts available for public comments
 - b. Senator Agrawal - Drones policy would hamper research and more restrictive than the FAA policies
 - c. Inya - There may be exemptions made for research, but student hobbyists may just have to avoid ISU campus
 - d. Senator Nakayama - knows students that benefit from comfort animals. What restrictions are being put in place?
 - e. Inya - Establish a guideline on animals and protect other students too
 - f. 8:01 Senator Anderson - Library Dean candidates are visiting! Attend their open forums and provide feedback. Catered lunch meetings too, sign-up sheet being passed around.
 - i. Slides attached
 - g. 8:03 Finance Committee - Guidelines establish what can be funded and not. Want to make it a governing document of GPSS. Currently ask for budget and expense reports. Propose eliminating the tracking of expenses and receipts and replace with a public calendar of Graduate / Professional events. Organizations must post their event to our calendar for a self auditing measure. Want to raise the amount to \$1000. Food can now be used for socials and up to \$400. Public comments meeting in March.
 - h. President - Please work with the Finance committee to help make our student organizations more powerful! This will have a great impact on students especially in ways that the student organization is better able to do than GPSS is able to directly do.
- 5. 8:14 Exec Remarks and Reports** - See attached
- 6. 8:28 Exec nominations**
- a. Vice president accepts nomination for president
 - b. Treasurer accepts nomination for Treasurer
 - c. Senator Chung accepts nomination for CIO
 - d. PAG Chair accepts nomination to Vice-President and CIO
- 7. 8:50 New Business**
- a. SO S15-01 Roberta Johnson as the GPSS Advisor



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- i. Motion to consider as read, UC
 - ii. Passes
 - b. SB S15-01 Funding the GPSS Spring Social, \$1230 from surplus.
 - i. Funds not available from the GPSRC budget.
 - ii. Why \$1230? Perfect Games estimate to serve 150 students pizza, soda, and bowling. Planned for a day not conflicting with any GPSRC speakers
 - iii. Pizza social at Mother's Pub in February was allocated from a different funding source
 - iv. GPSRC budget originally was planned to fund the social, but they forgot to plan for it. Spring Social now needs to be funded separately.
 - v. GPSRC budget is not available and will be provided in the future.
 - vi. This bill is not to overspend on the conference, this is just a budget issue where money from colleges has not been deposited yet and unable to commit money to the social planning at this time.
 - vii. This would leave about \$3900 remaining in Surplus
 - viii. Called to Question
 - ix. Passes
 - c. SB S15-02 Revising the Constitution
 - i. Friendly amendments – Changes
 - ii. Senators must represent their own department or program
 - iii. Added GPSRC chair executive council member
 - iv. Each senator must serve one office hour per month
 - v. President must serve on the Grad College Council
 - vi. URLA must serve on the Student Affairs RMM advisory committee
 - vii. Establish a social committee chaired by the VP
 - viii. Merged Elections and Operations committees
 - ix. Amendment to add income and expense reporting responsibilities to GPSRC Chair
 - x. Passed
 - xi. How would Exec's monitor Senator's attending their own office hours? It would be difficult or impossible to monitor.
 - xii. Propose that the future GPSRC chair be funded out of the GPSRC budget
 - xiii. Called to Question
 - xiv. Passed
 - d. SB S15-03 Revising the ByLaws
 - i. Changes –
 - 1. Merged Elections and Operations committees



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2. Modified the meeting order and reports
 3. Making the Allocation policies a governing document of GPSS
 4. Elaborate / clarified how to conduct GPSS Elections
 - ii. Called to Question
 - iii. Passed
- e. SB S15-04 Revising the Standing Rules
 - i. Changes
 1. Meeting moved earlier to 6:30pm from 7pm
 2. Bills due 12 days in advance rather than 10
 - ii. Maybe 30 minutes earlier could help people
 - iii. Called to Question
 - iv. Passed
- f. SB S15-06 Increase regular allocations to \$1000
 - i. Will this allow for fewer to be funded more at the detriment of funding fewer groups? It is a constraint, but data supports that no student groups will be denied.
 - ii. Maybe this shouldn't occur in the middle of the year?
 - iii. Maybe this shouldn't be increased so much so quickly, maybe \$900 would be safer?
 - iv. Amendment to \$900 fails to be seconded
 - v. Called to Question
 - vi. Passed
- g. SB S15-07 Next year's budget
 - i. Friendly amendments
 - ii. Increases
 1. PAG
 2. Allocations
 3. Socials
 4. Speakers
 5. Special Allocation increase (if the new exec position is created)
 - iii. Called to Question
 - iv. Passed

8. 10:43 Motion to Adjourn, UC

9. 10:43 Attendance



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10. Voting Results:

1. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/February/Vote/Results%20by%20Participant.html>
 2. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/February/Vote/Results%20by%20Question.html>
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