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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 26th 2015; 7:00 PM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to Order 7:00 PM
 - i. Roll Call
 - ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes
 - iv. Amendments to the agenda
- II. Introduction of New Bills and Resolutions
 - i. None
- III. Open Forum
 - i. Christopher Nelson (English) and Elena Cotos (Graduate College)
- IV. Senate Forum
 - i. GPSRC Co-Chairs, Ruchir Goswami and Misty Spencer
- V. Remarks and Reports
 - i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
 - ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko
 - iii. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan
 - iv. Report of the CIO and Elections Committee – CIO Sneha Singh
 - v. Report of the URLA Chair and URLA Committee – URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami
 - vi. Report of the PAF Chair and the PAF Committee – PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel
 - vii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - i. None
- VII. New Business
 - i. None
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment



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Meeting Notes

Monday, November 10th, 2014;

7:00 PM

2352 Veterinary Medicine

- X. Call to Order 7:05 PM
 - i. Roll Call - 43/72
 - ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes – approved by unanimous consent
 - iv. Amendments to the agenda
 - i. Added URLA Chair to Senate Forum,
 - ii. Added Senator Chung to Senate Forum
 - iii. Moved the reports and remarks after new business
 - iv. Added authors to SB-F14-14
- XI. Introduction of New Bills and Resolutions
 - i. SB-F14-10 Awarding PAGs Based on Travel Month
 - ii. SB-F14-11 Awarding High Priority PAG Applications Immediately and Conducting a Lottery for Low Priority Applications with the remaining funds
 - iii. SB-F14-12 PAGs Maintaining the Same Level of Students Supported
 - iv. SB-F14-13 Socials Line Item Allocation for Social Event
 - v. SB-F14-14 Sponsor Lecture from Adam Ruben
- XII. Open Forum
 - i. Peter Englin, Director, Department of Residence
 - i. Objective: To take feedback from GPSS
 - ii. Introduces himself
 - iii. When started in 2005, the lowest occupancy rate in history
 - iv. Things getting better. Higher occupancy.
 - v. Due to expanding enrollment, need to scale up.
 - vi. Freshmen class almost 6,000
 - vii. Residence primarily undergrad driven.
 - viii. First come, first serve basis in assigning residence.
 - ix. Maybe if numbers start going down, change the strategy to focus residences to Grad and Professional Students



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- x. Private builders suggested new graduate housing with price point of \$800-1100 per bed

Q&A

- 1) Q: Difficult to find Roommates. Are you planning to build a platform for facilitating the same.

A: City of Ames working on it: rentsmart on city of Ames website. It's free.

- 2) Q: Are you tracking interest of graduate students to live in campus?

A: Yes. We are 1800 to 2000 beds below the demand for next year.

- 3) Q: Last year there was a discussion to have grad student lounge in Fredrickson Court.

Any updates?

A: No progress.

- 4) Q: International graduate students sometime can get delayed in their arrival to US. They get stranded with no place to stay. Any discussion on how to serve them?

A: Over subscribed, whom to serve? Had to turn away over 200 students away from on-campus housing.

Also we are thinking to increase the lease rate.

- ii. Nancy Keller, Director, Campus Dining Services
 - i. Thank you
 - ii. Have been here for 8 years
 - iii. Worked with 30 universities
 - iv. Continuous growth since 2006.
 - v. 20 million in renovation
 - vi. Worked with BioBus student, Logistics student and Industrial Engineering students on projects related ISU Dining.
 - vii. Input costs going up. But prices frozen.
 - viii. 1800 students work for us. \$15 per hour for student managers.



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iii. Questions & Answers:

- i. Q: Vet Med cafeteria: Possible to have the dinner during dead week and finals week.

A: Tough to get it done since it's not possible to get student volunteer. Also it's not breaking even.

- ii. Q: More Vending machines with card swipes?

A: Would work on it.

- iii. Q: President Mukherjee: Grad students interested in dieticians, despite not being on meal plans

A: It's a priority for Dr. Hill. He is coordinating with different departments.

XIII. Senate Forum

i. Hillary Kletscher, GSB President

- i. Introduces herself.

ii. Here to discuss 4 topics:

1. Enrollment: Resolution with concerns:

- a. Student Health Service
- b. Osborn drive: Bus and pedestrian traffic
- c. Online testing centers
- d. Resident Halls
- e. Computer Labs

2. Signed "It's on us" campaign"

- a. White house campaign against sexual assault

3. Cyride:

- a. Board of trustees voting on how to fund cyride. Mostly going to increase student fees.
- b. Should not increase, since students are already paying university and city of Ames through rents. All of them contribute to Cyride.

4. Bike Share:

- a. Feasibility study is still going.
- b. Working on bike prototypes which can be mass produced.



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Q&A Session:

Comment: Testing Center is expanding for finals week.

Q: Cyride: Why does the university as well as the Student Government contribute as well.

A: Don't know.

- ii. GPSS URLA Chair - Ruchir Goswami
 - i. Need senate's help for GPSRC
 - ii. PAG spends \$180 per student, GPSRC reaches the entire college and impact costs less than \$1 per student
 - iii. Please reach out to your faculty and post docs! They like you better than they like us!
 - iv. Help us make this event successful

Q&A Session:

- 1 Why is GPSRC not on Friday -> no university space available for booking a Friday
- 2 Are you looking at new activities and features this year? -> new speakers, diversity in workshops, more judges, Larger venue than last year
- 3 Have you considered a two day conference? No not right now, but will discuss in the committee.

iii. Senator Chung:

Presented the results of the feedback that was solicited from the Senate about what they would like to do. The most popular choices were:

1. Graduate Social
2. Pizza Social at Mother's Pub
3. Organizing distinguished Lectures
4. Organizing a graduate club festival
5. PhD Movie Screening.

XIV. Unfinished Business

- i. None

XV. New Business



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- i. SB-F14-10 Awarding PAGs Based on Travel Month
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Friendly amendments
 - iii. Voting:
 1. Yes: 85%
 2. No:8%
 3. Abstain:8%
- ii. SB-F14-11 Awarding High Priority PAG Applications Immediately and Conducting a Lottery for Low Priority Applications with the remaining funds
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Voting:
 1. Yes: 72
 2. No:23
 3. Abstain: 6%
- iii. SB-F14-12 PAGs Maintaining the Same Level of Students Supported
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Amendment:
 1. Added: 64% of the Senate during last meeting agreed that this should be done.
 - iii. Voting for amendment:
 1. Yes: 66
 2. No: 15
 3. Abstain: 19
 - iv. Voting on the Bill:
 1. Yes: 79
 2. No: 17
 3. Abstain: 4
- iv. SB-F14-13 Socials Line Item Allocation for Social Event
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Friendly Amendment
 - iii. Voting:
 1. Yes: 87
 2. No: 4
 3. Abstain: 9
- v. SB-F14-14 Sponsor Lecture from Adam Ruben
 - i. Bill Read.
 - ii. Voting:
 1. Yes: 64
 2. No:17
 3. Abstain: 19



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XVI. Remarks and Reports

- i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
 - i. Regents having debate on tuition fee freeze. Had meeting with Board Executive Director.
 - ii. Graduate Career Services: Both candidates interviewed. Decision by this week.
 - iii. Presidential scholarships set to increase to about \$1M from current \$400K.
 - iv. Please attend GPSS co-sponsored talk by Richard Dawkins on Monday, 17 Nov 2014 at 8:00 pm – Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State Center
 - v. President Leath’s priorities:
 1. Expand what the University offers to ensure that students have the best college experience possible, and are provided with the support to succeed both inside and outside classroom.
 2. Grow our research enterprise and promote our scholarly work
 3. Focus resources toward efforts that ensure a welcoming, inclusive, and safe campus and community

- ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko
 - i. All proposed legislation found favorable with one recommendation.
 - ii. Any emails to be circulated to the Senate, must be sent to the VP or CIO. This is to contain frivolous emails being sent to the Senate.

iii. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan

Update about Unspent funding

iv. Report of the CIO and Elections Committee – CIO Sneha Singh

1) ITS has a system where students can submit ideas that ITS can fund. The more “likes” and discussions an idea gathers, the more the chance that ITS will fund it. For more information, please go to: <http://www.techstarter.iastate.edu/>



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- 2) Call For Senators in the end of January
- 3) GPSRC Webpage update

v. Report of the URLA Chair and URLA Committee – URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami

Need graduate student representation for following:

Committee	Description
All University Judiciary: 4	http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=77
GSB Senator at-large:1	Serve on both GPSS and GSB senates in a liason capacity
Student Affairs Advisory Board	http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=50

- 1) The Second Professional Development Seminar would be on Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 PM at Physics 005. Mark Peterson, Director of Graduate Business Career Services would be speaking on "*How to make career choices and how to prepare for it*".
- 2) GPSS Research Conference Updates:
 - a. Need Faculty participation for judging.
 - b. Speaker:

Dr. Peter A. Freeman jointly sponsored by ACM. Details:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_A._Freeman

vi. Report of the PAF Chair and the PAF Committee – PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel

1. The fall PAG budget has run out. Spring submissions will be accepted very soon.
2. The PAG committee did a rough run through of a lottery. The January lottery will be held between December 16th and 22nd.
3. We passed three PAG bills this month.
4. Faculty awards were due November 10th. The PAG committee developed a review process that will be used to collaboratively review the submissions.
5. Thanks to everyone that beta tested our PAG online app and for CIO for making website updates for me. We have been live with our own app since October 28th and the Google forms submissions have been halted.



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- vii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large

ISU Growth Open Forum

This past Wednesday October 29, 2014 the Governing Students Board (GSB) hosted a 2-hour Open Forum event with President Steven Leath, Provost Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President of Business and Finances Warren Madden, and Chief of Staff Miles Lackey. The following topics were discussed:

1. Enrollment growth and its impact on student services (health, transportation, course offering, academic counseling).
2. The administration is aware of these issues and short-term plans to address them are underway.

XVII. Announcements

- i. Don't Loiter in Vet Med.
- ii. President: Most productive Senate passed more legislations than ever.

XVIII. Adjournment 9:35 PM

XIX. Voting Records:

- i. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/November/Vote/Participant.html>
- ii. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/November/Vote/Question.html>



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Remarks and Reports

President Mukherjee

1. Welcome back! I am excited to be able to work with all of you and make sure we have a productive Spring semester. We have lots of events coming up and I ask your help to make sure they are successful.
2. Spring orientation for incoming graduate students on Monday January 26, 2015 before senate meeting. Will be of much smaller scale than Fall orientation. I will be giving a small presentation to welcome incoming students.
3. Senators are strongly urged to attend and advertise the GPSS Professional Development seminar by Adam Schwartz, Director, Ames Lab on February 18th.
4. Research Conference
 - a. Need volunteers to help us on the day of conference. Please join the team!
 - b. Each senator please commit to bring at least 2 abstracts
5. Karin Lawton-Dunn joined as the Graduate Career Services coordinator.
6. The Executive Council met Dr. Wickert (SVP Academic Affairs) and Dr. Hill (SVP Student Affairs). Multiple issues were discussed including:
 - a. Conflict management
 - b. Travel funding
 - c. Better management of senate meetings
 - d. Dr. Wickert suggested bills to pass committees before coming to senate floor to more efficient meetings
 - e. Dr. Hill is helping us student well being among other things
7. Roberta Johnson, Director of Student Financial Aid to replace Michelle Hendricks (Director of Thielen Student Health Center and GPSS Advisor) who resigned from Iowa State University. GPSS Senate needs to appoint her in February meeting. She will be coming to that meeting as our guest during Open Forum before she is voted to be our advisor.
8. We will have Exec elections in two months. Please consider running for the various Exec positions or nominate others.
9. Senators need to connect with constituents better. Urge to do at least monthly office hours for constituents to come and ask questions or give feedback.
10. Invision Architect's Architectural Feasibility was presented in the MU Board of Directors meeting. There is discussion about discontinuation of the Hotel. Among other things, a new service elevator is planned as is more office spaces for student orgs. A 1000 capacity auditorium was also discussed.



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Vice President Zenko

1. If you're interested in meeting to discuss legislation related to the constitution, standing rules, and by-laws, please let me know after the meeting or by e-mail. The goal is to have this legislation completed by the February meeting.
2. Considering adding an executive position. Input and authors are needed.
3. Spring social will be April 3rd, 2014. Social committee can expect e-mails. If you'd like to be part of the social committee, let me know.

Treasurer Rakitan

- Approx \$520 left for socials this semester - how shall we use the money?
- Regular Allocations process beginning next week
- Regular Allocations amounts: \$800
- Examples of what we fund: speakers, within-department seminars, journal clubs, job/networking seminars, symposia, trips for scholarly/professional development purposes, and extra-curricular labs.
- Budget - draft of new budget presented this meeting (see appendix); your feedback would be appreciated. What are we missing? What should we modify? Now's your chance to let us know!
- Regular Allocations Guidelines - we'll bring a draft and solicit your feedback in February, comments through March--FC is aiming for a bill in March or April.

CIO Singh

1. Iowa State has a new CIO – Dr. Jim Kurtenbach. We had our first meeting in December and will continue to develop a relationship with ITS under Dr. Kurtenbach.
2. Senator nomination will go online from this year. Request for senator nominations will go out in the first week of February.
3. Nominations for March Exec elections will begin in our February meeting.



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URLA Goswami

- 1) Need Graduate student representation for the following committees:

Committee	Description
All University Judiciary: 4	http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=77
GSB Senator at-large:1	Serve on both GPSS and GSB senates in a liaison capacity
Student Affairs Advisory Board	http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=50
University Affairs Committee	http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page_id=357

- 2) First Professional Development Seminar for the Spring Semester:

Date: Wednesday, Feb 18th, 2015

Time: 5:15 PM

Speaker: Dr. Adam Schwartz, Director, Ames Lab

- 3) GPSS Research Conference:

- a. Events Planned:

- i. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Peter Freeman,
Founding Dean of Georgia Tech's College of Computing,
Former Assistant Director, National Science Foundation (NSF)
- ii. Closing Speaker: Dr. Adam Ruben, Microbiologist and Humorist
Author of 'Surviving Your Stupid, Stupid Decision to Go to Grad School'
- iii. Workshops:
 1. How to Write an Excellent Research or Teaching Statement?
 2. Negotiating Your First Faculty Job Offer
 3. How to get a job in industry?
- iv. Poster presentation
- v. Oral Presentations
- vi. 3 Minute Thesis

- b. **Total Abstracts Submitted: 9**

- c. Need volunteers for the day of the event, i.e. 2nd April.



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PAG Chair Kleinheksel

1) Spring 2015 PAGs application awarding is underway. As always, the demand appears to be high and potentially the supply low, please encourage all students to apply early and not to wait. Continued areas for improvements to the online application, as well as automation are being implemented.

2) Margaret Ellen White Graduate Faculty Award review was completed by the PAG committee. 5 selected nominees were forwarded onto the Graduate College for further review and final selection. Those moving on were

- Joel Coats (ENT)
- Ana-Paula Correia (SoE)
- Vikram Dalal (ECpE)
- Robyn Lutz (COMS)
- Stephen Pett (ENGL)

All of the nominations were exceptional faculty members and it was truly hard to make the selections. The following nominees deserve an honorable mention and I hope that they will be nominated again in the future. Keep up the great work!

- Carl Chang (COMS)
- Kurt Hebert (CBE)
- Stephanie Madon (PSYCH)
- Emily Smith (CHEM)
- Srikanta Tirthapura (ECpE)
- John Tyndall (NREM)
- R. Christopher Williams (CCEE)
- Hongwei Xin (ABE)

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3) GPSS Leadership, Research, and Teaching Award nominations are due March 1st. The website (<http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/students/pag/awards.php>) will be updated soon and applications posted. Please encourage students, faculty, staff, student organizations, etc. to nominate their best for these awards. Those selected will receive a certificate from GPSS honoring their achievements.

4) GPSS PAG Committee has another exciting semester with the prior mentioned awards and overseeing the implementation of the newly enacted PAG policies and procedures. If you are interested in being on the committee, please email the PAG Chair gpsspag@iastate.edu

5) Want to know what it takes to be the next GPSS PAG Chair? Excited about serving Graduate and Professional students? Want to get involved in GPSS? Please email the PAG Chair gpsspag@iastate.edu to find out more!



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Senators at Large

GSB Student Outreach via Library

An opportunity for GPSS to 1) Extend cooperation with GSB senators, 2) reach graduate students, and to 3) provide graduate students a specific location and time to interact with GPSS senators. At least one Senator at Large will be available every week.



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Appendix: Draft of Budget

				Percent of Income
Income				
Student Activity Fees			\$161,000	
Vending			\$7,500	
FY2105 Surplus			\$2,500	
Donations			0	
Total Income:				
Subtotals				
Expenditures				
PAG	97000	<--PAG total	\$97,000.0	56.73%
Summer II 2014			0	
		\$16,167		
	July	\$8,083.33		
	August	\$8,083.33		
Fall 2014			\$32,333	
	September	\$8,083.33		
	October	\$8,083.33		
	November	\$8,083.33		
	December	\$8,083.33		
Spring 2015			\$32,333	
	January	\$8,083.33		
	February	\$8,083.33		
	March	\$8,083.33		
	April	\$8,083.33		
Summer I 2015			\$16,167	



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	May	\$8,083.33		
	June	\$8,083.33		
Regular Allocations			\$34,000.00	19.88%
Fall 2014		\$17,000		
Spring 2015		\$17,000		
Teaching/Research Awards		\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Exec Scholarships		\$14,600.00	\$14,600.00	8.54%
Wakonse		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	2.05%
Specials Allocations		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.58%
Office/Communications		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.58%
GRAD CAREER FAIR		\$4,000	\$4,000.00	2.34%
Speaker/programming		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	1.17%
Socials			\$4,500.00	2.63%
Fall		\$3,500.00		
Spring (under GPSRC)		\$0.00		
Intermediate socials (e.g., pizza nights)		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.58%
GPSRC		\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	2.34%
Total Expenditures			\$166,600.00	



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Reserve Acct

\$45,000

Surplus:

\$4,400.00

2.57%