I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
   a. Roll Call – DONE (48/85)
   b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - MET
   c. Approval of the Minutes - APPROVED
   d. Amendments to the Agenda
      i. Vice President Fateh proposed to move OPEN FORUM later upon ISU
         President Leath’s arrival.
         1. 2nded, passed.

II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
   a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution
      i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
   b. Senate Bill S12-10 - Amending the By-Laws and Articles of Cooperation
      i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
   c. Senate Bill S12-11 - Amending the Standing Rules
      i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
   d. Senate Bill S12-12 - Spring 2012 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)
      Allocations
      i. Treasurer Gross read the bill.
      ii. Received over $25000 in requests from different student organizations, the
           finance committee allocated $13251 after the amendments.
   e. Senate Bill S12-13 - Special allocation for Fulbright Students and Scholars at Iowa
      State University (FSSISU)
      i. Senator Peters read the bill.

III. Open Forum
   a. ISU President Steven Leath
      i. Good evening, fun to be here, thanks to GPSS for inviting. He has been
         meeting as many student groups as possible over the last 8 weeks.
      ii. Has been in ISU for 8 weeks, he took the job at end of September, has had a
          good transition process with President Geoffrey. There is still a tremendous
          amount to learn, tough budget year; however everyday getting better, ISU is
          poised to make great progress. Meeting with Regents went very good.
      iii. Initial impressions and then open to questions.
      iv. Trying to spend as much time as possible in campus; different work
          demands, fundraising etc. Just coming to GPSS from a Greek event, trying
          to spend more time with various student groups.
      v. He was very impressed with the GPSS exec when they first interacted during
         his selection process; he has high regard for the concept of serious shared
         governing.
vi. He wants to grow the graduate student population from the current ~ 2000 number to ~ 5000, and he has some ideas to do that which are under development currently.

vii. He has open-door communication policy with the different leadership bodies, his office answers within usually a day. He is still learning the culture and the people of ISU, and is yet to form the top agenda. Some major topics include the student debt, research dollars – public vs. private, etc. He encourages GPSS to state their ideas and concerns.

viii. This is also the 1st year when the board of regents has asked university presidents to be advocates for university policy; he left the last meetings with a very positive frame of mind. The tuitions will not be raised hopefully next year.

ix. He has done very little travel so far inside the state of IA. He is very well conversant with the Des Moines/Ames area; but he wants to soon reach out to the rest of the state in aiming to build a stronger base and facilitate the next level of learning and engagement.

x. The university is making some changes – they are actively looking for a new provost, also a new fundraising head. ISU is looking towards a new management model – similar to a more traditional/political chief of staff model. He is aiming to surround himself with different people from different backgrounds and different skill sets; over the next 2 months, the senior team will be formed and more specifics will be announced.

xi. Open to questions:

1. Senator Yeninas – raised the topic of different programs being on the chopping block, major issues related to money and low enrollment in the other 2 big universities in IA – what are your thoughts on that? Any chance of something similar happening in ISU?

   a. WHAT happened in UNI related to chopping programs was an unfortunate event; however there are always 2 sides to every story. UNI President Benjamin Allen is a good administrator, he has been trying to make lots of changes to avoid these types of cuts, there were different unions also opposing, thus now he needs more cuts to meet ends. He understands the challenges with low enrolling programs, but he cannot comment of the other programs as he was himself not part of the analysis - maybe ISU and other big colleges could be more focused in stem programs.

   b. Chances of something similar happening in ISU - Right now the answer is NO, President Greg and his team have made very difficult decisions for the progress of the university and have summarized them all for the new administration which he is going through currently. ISU constantly monitors low
enrollments programs and looks at reducing duplicity. ISU has a much better and more trusted shared governing program than other universities, so the faculty senate and staff senate all have their inputs before any drastic measures are adopted. He meets and will continue to meet with the leadership regularly; there won’t be any nasty surprises.

2. Treasurer Gross – thoughts on the Resource Management Model (RMM)? President Leath has studied a lot different models, and had several budget meetings about RMM. There is a draft report – it’s a review of the RMM for the last 3 years. ISU is growing at a very fast rate, next year the enrollment might increase to around 31,000. He would not mind if the enrolment does slow down a little bit; currently the RMM regards undergraduate numbers more successfully than graduate student numbers. Also the Alumni Association, the Reiman institution, university museums, research colleges, vet med have a disadvantage under the RMM model. A lot of discussion is needs and is underway to decide the importance of different programs; he is looking forward to grow the UG numbers, but also wants to move resource elsewhere where they will do more benefit to the university.

3. Senator Dalluge – what are your thoughts on private vs. public funding for research? Intellectual property clashes? President Leath believes in the coexistence of both public and private funds for research activities, looking at ways to maybe double the private source. He understands that there might be some worries that if the private research funds are very high, the academic integrity might get hampered. However he realizes that there should be a joint push for full IP rights. The current landscape is changing rapidly; we didn’t take share in spinoff options before, there will be more push for transparency. Now, the companies are more and more interested in university partnership, and the timing is perfect for us. Instead of companies looking to just give out lump sum amount of research money, we will be looking for partners carefully who are more involved in the research process with exchange of ideas and resources.

4. (Sub for) Senator Hauser – the last few major buildings built on the campus are mainly non-classroom focused, the history department classroom scheduling is all over the campus, leads to lots of problems. Why is the current focus more on building research space rather than classrooms?? THE driver is that in the current down economic times, it is easier to find research partners, new groups who are willing to fund new basketball complex, football training...
resources - easier to stimulate private partnership. But he is looking into various avenues to increase classroom spaces, still inventoring space now, converting some existing spaces to classrooms is on the table, top requirements are currently being prioritized. More help will come from a change in economy, also trying to get some donors to step up.

5. Senator Haroldson – any comment on the ISU-Agrisol issue? The collaboration with Agrisol bought a lot of negative attention to the Tanzania project, as compared to a similar project for Uganda. ISU got a black eye for it, we withdrew project support in Tanzania, and this was unfortunate since we provided clean water and housing to people there. Why we entered the project was clean and justified, however much of energy and time were directed at countering misrepresentations about why and how we were involved. We are going through new processes to deciding a new measure of the value index.

6. Senator Russell – what are the big items on the initial priorities list?
   a. Work on comprehensive package to reduce student debt.
   b. Try to get bigger appropriation,
   c. Increase overall efficiency
   d. Reduce text book costs, increase private money flow
   e. Grow research, more focused towards the responsibility to citizens and tax payers’ money etc. The overall arching demand should reflect demands of state.
   f. Add more value to degree, foster a strong sense of worth, getting faculty and staff to push more for national levels works.

7. Vice President Fateh – what are your ideas to increase graduate student population? AS an university, we have an obligation to train students, currently there is a shortage of opportunities, for professors, it is easier to hire post docs rather than graduate students, as they could get more value from post docs than graduate students. We are aiming to create a good balance between the 2, put some measures in place to incentivize graduate student hiring; for e.g. requiring good mentoring skills for promoting tenure.
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171 bring more. Even if you have no poster but still want to come, you are more
172 than welcome to come.
173 ii. GSB has chartered buses to DSM, will leave Ames at around 11 am (this
174 time may change), GSB will provide boxed lunches on way back, by 3.30
175 pm. You are also free to bring your own vehicle.
176 iii. University of Iowa and Northern Iowa are also going to be present there.
177 iv. There should be plenty of space for posters, encourage mailing her for more
178 logistics/details. Requested to wear business attire. So far, she has got lots of
179 responses from civil, mechanical, chemistry etc.

b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Fateh

180 i. The Rules committee found the bills to be presented today to be OK with the
181 constitution, there are some issues related to voting right changes to make
182 the process more balanced, more details will be given when the bills are
183 read.
184 ii. The pizza social is on March 29th – this Thursday at Mothers Pub from 6-8
185 pm. Please come, bring friends and family.
186 iii. The spring picnic is on April 13th, 2012 from 5-8 pm at Kildee pavilion; the
187 menu will include subs from subway among other things.
188 iv. She is a part of the Veishea advisory committee; there was a question in the
189 previous meetings about long lines for lunch in the central campus and food
190 running out. She clarified this issue with the VEISHEA committee, there
191 must have been some miscommunication, as they arrange for food for
192 around 2000 people, and they claimed not to be having run out of food for
193 last 3 years. They have an excellent mobile version of website, one could
194 buy tickets and check schedule from cell phones.
195 v. QUESTIONS:

196 c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Gross

197 i. The finance committee found all the 3 bills favorable to be presented to the
198 senate today.
199 ii. Mention to the finance committee, they will be meeting 1 last time, for
200 brainstorming ideas for the next committee.

202 d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Sarkar

203 i. Website is updated; please contact me for any changes to the webpage.
204 ii. The exec elections will be held later today, the nomination process is still
205 on.
206 iii. The announcement of the senators will be made later today.

207 e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Pelzer

208 i. No major committee updates yet.
209 ii. Reminder about the Regents day this coming Thursday, encourages all
210 senators to attend, meeting legislatures would be fun.
211 iii. In the 2nd week of April 2012, GPSS would be arranging for the CV/Resume
212 Seminar, expected time would be 5-7 pm, boxed lunch would be included.
f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Brgoch
   i. PAG Chair Brgoch is at conference, thus not present in the meeting today.
   President Smith read the PAG Chair report.
   ii. PAG money for both summer sessions is still available, but the money is
   going fast. As of now, there is $2000 left for the 1st summer session (May
   14-July 6) and $3500 left for the 2nd summer session (June 11-August 3)
   iii. Currently accepting applications for Peer teaching and Research Awards,
   they are due by April 16, 2012.

g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
   i. Karl Hennig could not attend the meeting due to health reasons, had
   informed the CIO ahead of time. CIO Sarkar read the Graduate and GSB
   Senator report.
   ii. Update:
       1. Meeting on 03/07/2012
   a. Updates from Parking Division: Last year, ISU collected $1
   million in fines, twice as much as University of Iowa. The
   total revenue was $3.5 million last year, while expenses were
   around $3 million. 15,344 annual parking permits were sold,
   6,371 number of escort calls were entertained. $261,000 was
   earmarked to fund Orange CyRide route. Less than 1% of
   cars on campus receive a citation. $25,521 was spent on
   bicycle improvements in last 5 years on campus and
   $368,146 was spent for maintaining parking lots in last 5
   years.
   b. The new initiatives include the parking division taking a
   picture of every ticket, creating Smart cars for pay-stalls and
   also thinking about plans to have Smart cars for parking
   meters.
   c. There will be a GSB parking slide show on their website with
   more information.
       2. Meeting on 03/14/2012
   a. Spring Break – NO meeting
       3. Meeting on 03/21/2012
   a. GSB held the annual allocation meeting to fund
   organizations, no new news pertaining to GPSS.

VI. Old Business
   a. OPEN

VII. New Business
   a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution
      i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as
         to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the
         whole document.
      ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.
iii. Senator Perrine called to question, 2nded.
iv. Vote
   1. Yes – 45
   2. No – 0
   3. Abstain - 1
v. PASSED today, 1st reading, 2nd and final reading next month.
vi. Will be voted again in April 2012 meeting.

b. Senate Bill S12-10 - Amending the By-Laws and Articles of Cooperation
   i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as
to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the
whole document.
ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.
iii. Treasurer Gross called to question, 2nded.
iv. Vote
   1. Yes – 47
   2. No – 0
   3. Abstain - 1
v. PASSED.

c. Senate Bill S12-11 - Amending the Standing Rules
   i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as
to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the
whole document.
ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.
iii. Senator White called to question, 2nded.
iv. Vote
   1. Yes – 47
   2. No – 0
   3. Abstain - 0
v. PASSED.

d. Senate Bill S12-12 - Spring 2012 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)
   Allocations
   i. Treasurer Gross read the bill.
   ii. Treasurer Gross amended the bill.
   1.
   iii. Amendment passes through unanimous consent (UC).
iv. White called to question, 2nded.
v. Vote – 47/0/0

e. Senate Bill S12-13 - Special allocation for Fulbright Students and Scholars at Iowa
   State University (FSSISU)
i. Senator Peters presented the bill,
ii. Open to Question.
   1. Senator Moss – is the trip to Des Moines open to all students? YES,
      however the transportation will have limited seatings.
   2. Senator Kleinheksel – has this event put on before? What are your
      other funding sources? THIS is just the 2nd year this event is being
      held, last year, we got money from ticket sales. If we get funding this
year, there will not be any need for selling tickets and the event can be made free and open to all.

3. Senator Kleinheksel – in order to maintain parity with the way we fund other student organizations, he would like to amend to reduce funding – cut food item worth $400.
   a. Senator White – why are we being harsh now?
   b. Treasurer Gross – point of clarification – there are no guidelines for food right now.
   d. Se
   e. Senator Kleinheksel – explained that for all other student organizations, the funding ratio for food: other activity is kept at less than 50%, just trying to be fair to other student organizations.
   f. Treasurer Gross – just to inform the senate that all of the pizza events this year and last year were fully funded by the special allocations.
   g. Senator Yeninas – did you go to any other funding source? WE went to GSB, but since they fall under pre-professional groups, they were redirected to GPSS.
   h. Treasurer Gross – vote to remove amendment?
      i. Vote on amendment
         i. Yes – 9
         ii. No – 35
         iii. Abstain – 2
      j. Amendment Fails, back to the bill as a whole.

4. Senator Kresge – friendly amendment to change the word “believes” to “beliefs”, accepted.

5. Senator Yeninas – gives the idea to the group to ask for money from other sources also, gave example for the “PhD Movie” screening.


7. Voting
   a. Yes – 44
   b. No – 2
   c. Abstain - 1

f. Elections
   i. CIO Sarkar, also the election chair presided over the election procedure.
   ii. Positions on the executive council:
      1. President
         a. Nominations: Senator Kleinheksel
            i. He has been in GPSS for 2 years now, likes to work and would like to continue do good work as the president of GPSS. He has good intentions while
serving GPSS, and welcomes any feedback from the senate about the direction of GPSS. Has been working closely with President Smith, also been part of the rules and finance committees. Also been a part of the selection of new provost.

ii. Questions:

1. Senator Tucker – what do you think to be the best way to deal with the special allocations process? WE are allocating student funds, and it should be done wisely. If we are cutting funding for other organizations, he feels the special allocation process should meet the same standards; it should follow the same scrutiny.

2. Senator Perrine – any difference between pizza and financial seminar.

3. Senator Deleon – currently we have the problem of meeting quorum in some meetings, coz of not enough number of senators turning up for the meetings. What are your thoughts on this? EVERY year, there have been some bills or proposals to reduce the size of the senate so as to make the attendance ratio high; this last year was an exception. He will be looking into this issue and also discussing with the new exec so as to how to deal with this issue.

4. CIO Sarkar – point of clarification – as of now, we have 1 senator for every 50 graduate students, and 1 more for each 50 or part thereof, with a maximum of 5 senators per department. Each department gets a minimum of 1 senate seat representation.

iii. Senator Kleinheksel asked to leave the room, floor open for discussion.

iv. Vice President Fateh – she endorses Cory, he has been actively involved in the rules committee, has great knowledge of senate proceedings and is a great candidate.

v. President Smith – she endorses Cory, being the president he can manage the overall workings of the GPSS, but will not be directly in charge of the money, which is decided by the senate. So “don’t worry about him saying no to special allocations”. He is great candidate.

vi. Senator Peters – Cory was in the finance committee also previously, she was impressed by him, he is clear-headed, good candidate.

vii. VOTE:
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1. Yes – 43
2. No – 0
3. Abstain – 3

viii. PASSED, Senator Kleinheksel is the president-elect.

2. Vice-President
   a. Nominations: Senator Woolcock, Senator Deleon
      i. Deleon – enjoys working at GPSS, will accept the nomination, however, and might be out of town in the fall meeting.
      ii. Woolcock – will be out of town during the spring semester for sure, if Deleon is willing to be VP, he will be glad to fill in the shoes in Deleon if he is out of town in fall.
      iii. CIO Sarkar – point of clarification – if the senator who is elected today cannot serve the whole term, then the new CIO will hold another election in the month of November and elect the new VP for the rest of the term.
      iv. Both the senators asked to leave the room, floor open for discussion.
      v. President Smith – both Woolcock and Deleon will get the job done, vote for the person you think can do the job done, not the person who will be present or not.
      vi. Vice president Fateh – Woolcock served in the rules committee for the past 2 years, she agrees with Smith.
   v. VOTE:
      1. Yes – 3 (Woolcock) / 43 (Deleon)
      2. No – 0
      3. Abstain – 1
   viii. PASSED, Senator Deleon is the vice-president-elect.

3. Treasurer
   a. Nominations: Senator Peters
      i. She will be here for another 2 years at least, he has experience in the fiscal matters as she was part of the finance committee, she was also the treasurer for HCI graduate group in 2010, finance officer in a German government organization.
      ii. Senator Peters asked to leave the room, floor open for discussion.
      iii. Treasurer Gross – he endorses Peters.
      iv. VOTE:
      1. Yes – 46
      2. No – 0
      3. Abstain – 1
   v. PASSED, Senator Peters is the treasurer-elect.

4. CIO
   a. Nominations: Anna Agripina Prisacari
      i. She wants to run for CIO, she has not been GPSS senator before, she is doing PhD in HCI (2nd year),
she has been actively involved in Global gala, she met with current CIO Sarkar and discussed about the different responsibilities involved.

ii. Anna asked to leave the room, floor open for discussion.

iii. CIO Sarkar transferred his election chair responsibilities to VP Fateh temporarily.

iv. CIO Sarkar – endorses Anna, he has known her for 2 years, she has been very actively involved with SUB for close to 2 years, she was the point-person behind the global gala, plus she being a graduate student in HCI, she has good knowledge of computers and webpage designing software.

v. VOTE:
   1. Yes – 46
   2. No – 0
   3. Abstain – 1

vi. PASSED, Anna is the CIO-elect.

vii. VP Fateh gives the election chair responsibilities back to CIO Sarkar.

5. URLA Chair
   a. Nomination: Senator Tlach
      i. He will not going to be here in summer, but he will get the things done and has spoken with current URLA Pelzer about it. He will be in ISU till May 2012, so will be present here through the entire term
      ii. Senator Tlach asked to leave the room, floor open for discussion.
      iii. VOTE:
           1. Yes – 44
           2. No – 0
           3. Abstain – 1

iv. PASSED, Senator Tlach is the URLA Chair- elect.

6. PAG chair
   a. Nominations: Senator Yeninsas, Senator Stoehr
      i. Senator Yeninas withdrew his nomination.
      ii. Stoehr – GET STATEMENTS FROM APRIL.
      iii. VOTE:
           1. Yes – 47
           2. No – 0
           3. Abstain – 1

iv. PASSED, Senator Stoehr is the PAG Chair- elect.

VIII. Announcements meeting
   a. President Smith
      i. The new exec-elect people – please get in touch with your current post people for transition, there will be a meeting soon about it, mail will be sent out.
ii. Remember the Regents’ day this Thursday, please attend.
b. Sarkar – Opens the nominations for GPSS Senators for next year, will update the forms on the website. Current senators are encouraged to return next year, and also recruit new fellow students for senators.

IX. Adjournment - 9:31 am