

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 26, 2012; 7:00 PM  
South Ballroom, MU

- 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.

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- 45 vi. He wants to grow the graduate student population from the current ~ 2000  
46 number to ~ 5000, and he has some ideas to do that which are under  
47 development currently.
- 48 vii. He has open-door communication policy with the different leadership  
49 bodies, his office answers within usually a day. He is still learning the  
50 culture and the people of ISU, and is yet to form the top agenda. Some major  
51 topics include the student debt, research dollars – public vs. private, etc. He  
52 encourages GPSS to state their ideas and concerns.
- 53 viii. This is also the 1<sup>st</sup> year when the board of regents has asked university  
54 presidents to be advocates for university policy; he left the last meetings  
55 with a very positive frame of mind. The tuitions will not be raised hopefully  
56 next year.
- 57 ix. He has done very little travel so far inside the state of IA. He is very well  
58 conversant with the Des Moines/Ames area; but he wants to soon reach out  
59 to the rest of the state in aiming to build a stronger base and facilitate the  
60 next level of learning and engagement.
- 61 x. The university is making some changes – they are actively looking for a new  
62 provost, also a new fundraising head. ISU is looking towards a new  
63 management model – similar to a more traditional/political chief of staff  
64 model. He is aiming to surround himself with different people from different  
65 backgrounds and different skill sets; over the next 2 months, the senior team  
66 will be formed and more specifics will be announced.
- 67 xi. Open to questions:
- 68 1. Senator Yeninas – raised the topic of different programs being on the  
69 chopping block, major issues related to money and low enrollment in  
70 the other 2 big universities in IA – what are your thoughts on that?  
71 Any chance of something similar happening in ISU?
- 72 a. WHAT happened in UNI related to chopping programs was  
73 an unfortunate event; however there are always 2 sides to  
74 every story. UNI President Benjamin Allen is a good  
75 administrator, he has been trying to make lots of changes to  
76 avoid these types of cuts, there were different unions also  
77 opposing, thus now he needs more cuts to meet ends. He  
78 understands the challenges with low enrolling programs, but  
79 he cannot comment of the other programs as he was himself  
80 not part of the analysis - maybe ISU and other big colleges  
81 could be more focused in stem programs.
- 82 b. Chances of something similar happening in ISU - Right now  
83 the answer is NO, President Greg and his team have made  
84 very difficult decisions for the progress of the university and  
85 have summarized them all for the new administration which  
86 he is going through currently. ISU constantly monitors low

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87 enrollments programs and looks at reducing duplicity. ISU  
88 has a much better and more trusted shared governing program  
89 than other universities, so the faculty senate and staff senate  
90 all have their inputs before any drastic measures are adopted.  
91 He meets and will continue to meet with the leadership  
92 regularly; there won't be any nasty surprises.

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

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

122 4. (Sub for) Senator Hauser – the last few major buildings built on the  
123 campus are mainly non-classroom focused, the history department  
124 classroom scheduling is all over the campus, leads to lots of  
125 problems. Why is the current focus more on building research space  
126 rather than classrooms?? THE driver is that in the current down  
127 economic times, it is easier to find research partners, new groups  
128 who are willing to fund new basketball complex, football training

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- 129 resources - easier to stimulate private partnership. But he is looking  
130 into various avenues to increase classroom spaces, still inventorying  
131 space now, converting some existing spaces to classrooms is on the  
132 table, top requirements are currently being prioritized. More help  
133 will come from a change in economy, also trying to get some donors  
134 to step up.
- 135 5. Senator Haroldson – any comment on the ISU-AgriSol issue? The  
136 collaboration with AgriSol bought a lot of negative attention to the  
137 Tanzania project, as compared to a similar project for Uganda. ISU  
138 got a black eye for it, we withdrew project support in Tanzania, and  
139 this was unfortunate since we provided clean water and housing to  
140 people there. Why we entered the project was clean and justified,  
141 however much of energy and time were directed at countering  
142 misrepresentations about why and how we were involved. We are  
143 going through new processes to deciding a new measure of the value  
144 index.
- 145 6. Senator Russell – what are the big items on the initial priorities list?
- 146 a. Work on comprehensive package to reduce student debt.
  - 147 b. Try to get bigger appropriation,
  - 148 c. Increase overall efficiency
  - 149 d. Reduce text book costs, increase private money flow.
  - 150 e. Grow research, more focused towards the responsibility to  
151 citizens and tax payers’ money etc. The overall arching  
152 demand should reflect demands of state.
  - 153 f. Add more value to degree, foster a strong sense of worth,  
154 getting faculty and staff to push more for national levels  
155 works.
- 156 7. Vice President Fateh – what are your ideas to increase graduate  
157 student population? AS an university , we have an obligation to train  
158 students, currently there is a shortage of opportunities, for professors,  
159 it is easier to hire post docs rather than graduate students, as they  
160 could get more value from post docs than graduate students. We are  
161 aiming to create a good balance between the 2, put some measures in  
162 place to incentivize graduate student hiring; for e.g. requiring good  
163 mentoring skills for promoting tenure.
- 164 IV. Senate Forum
- 165 a. OPEN
- 166 V. Remarks and Reports
- 167 a. Report of the President - President Smith
- 168 i. This Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is Regents’ Day at Des Moines Capitol, it is open  
169 to students and people, graduate students can present their research posters,  
170 so far 12 poster aisles have been arranged for, encourages more grads to

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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.
- 180 b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Fateh
- 181 i. The Rules committee found the bills to be presented today to be OK with the  
182 constitution, there are some issues related to voting right changes to make  
183 the process more balanced, more details will be given when the bills are  
184 read.
- 185 ii. The pizza social is on March 29<sup>th</sup> – this Thursday at Mothers Pub from 6-8  
186 pm. Please come, bring friends and family.
- 187 iii. The spring picnic is on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 5-8 pm at Kildee pavilion; the  
188 menu will include subs from subway among other things.
- 189 iv. She is a part of the Veishea advisory committee; there was a question in the  
190 previous meetings about long lines for lunch in the central campus and food  
191 running out. She clarified this issue with the VEISHEA committee, there  
192 must have been some miscommunication, as they arrange for food for  
193 around 2000 people, and they claimed not to be having run out of food for  
194 last 3 years. They have an excellent mobile version of website, one could  
195 buy tickets and check schedule from cell phones.
- 196 v. QUESTIONS:
- 197 c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Gross
- 198 i. The finance committee found all the 3 bills favorable to be presented to the  
199 senate today.
- 200 ii. Mention to the finance committee, they will be meeting 1 last time, for  
201 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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- 213 f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Brgoch  
214 i. PAG Chair Brgoch is at conference, thus not present in the meeting today.  
215 President Smith read the PAG Chair report.  
216 ii. PAG money for both summer sessions is still available, but the money is  
217 going fast. As of now, there is \$2000 left for the 1<sup>st</sup> summer session (May  
218 14-July 6) and \$3500 left for the 2<sup>nd</sup> summer session (June 11-August 3)  
219 iii. Currently accepting applications for Peer teaching and Research Awards,  
220 they are due by April 16, 2012.
- 221 g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report  
222 i. Karl Hennig could not attend the meeting due to health reasons, had  
223 informed the CIO ahead of time. CIO Sarkar read the Graduate and GSB  
224 Senator report.  
225 ii. Update:  
226 1. Meeting on 03/07/2012  
227 a. Updates from Parking Division: Last year, ISU collected \$1  
228 million in fines, twice as much as University of Iowa. The  
229 total revenue was \$3.5 million last year, while expenses were  
230 around \$3 million. 15,344 annual parking permits were sold,  
231 6,371 number of escort calls were entertained. \$261,000 was  
232 earmarked to fund Orange CyRide route. Less than 1% of  
233 cars on campus receive a citation. \$25,521 was spent on  
234 bicycle improvements in last 5 years on campus and  
235 \$368,146 was spent for maintaining parking lots in last 5  
236 years.  
237 b. The new initiatives include the parking division taking a  
238 picture of every ticket, creating Smart cars for pay-stalls and  
239 also thinking about plans to have Smart cars for parking  
240 meters.  
241 c. There will be a GSB parking slide show on their website with  
242 more information.
- 243 2. Meeting on 03/14/2012  
244 a. Spring Break – NO meeting
- 245 3. Meeting on 03/21/2012  
246 a. GSB held the annual allocation meeting to fund  
247 organizations, no new news pertaining to GPSS.
- 248 VI. Old Business  
249 a. OPEN
- 250 VII. New Business  
251 a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution  
252 i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as  
253 to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the  
254 whole document.  
255 ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.

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- 256                   iii. Senator Perrine called to question, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed.  
257                   iv. Vote  
258                   1. Yes – 45  
259                   2. No – 0  
260                   3. Abstain - 1  
261                   v. PASSED today, 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading next month.  
262                   vi. Will be voted again in April 2012 meeting.
- 263           b. Senate Bill S12-10 - Amending the By-Laws and Articles of Cooperation  
264                   i. Senator Woolcock presented the bill, requests senate to suspend rules so as  
265                   to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the  
266                   whole document.  
267                   ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.  
268                   iii. Treasurer Gross called to question, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed.  
269                   iv. Vote  
270                   1. Yes – 47  
271                   2. No – 0  
272                   3. Abstain - 1  
273                   v. PASSED.
- 274           c. Senate Bill S12-11 - Amending the Standing Rules  
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276                   to be able to just read the changes in the document as opposed to read the  
277                   whole document.  
278                   ii. Read changes and explained them one by one.  
279                   iii. Senator White called to question, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed.  
280                   iv. Vote  
281                   1. Yes – 47  
282                   2. No – 0  
283                   3. Abstain - 0  
284                   v. PASSED.
- 285           d. Senate Bill S12-12 - Spring 2012 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)  
286           Allocations  
287                   i. Treasurer Gross read the bill.  
288                   ii. Treasurer Gross amended the bill.  
289                   1.  
290                   iii. Amendment passes through unanimous consent (UC).  
291                   iv. White called to question, 2<sup>nd</sup>ed.  
292                   v. Vote – 47/0/0
- 293           e. Senate Bill S12-13 - Special allocation for Fulbright Students and Scholars at Iowa  
294           State University (FSSISU)  
295                   i. Senator Peters presented the bill,  
296                   ii. Open to Question.  
297                   1. Senator Moss – is the trip to Des Moines open to all students? YES,  
298                   however the transportation will have limited seatings.  
299                   2. Senator Kleinheksel – has this event put on before? What are your  
300                   other funding sources? THIS is just the 2<sup>nd</sup> year this event is being  
301                   held, last year, we got money from ticket sales. If we get funding this

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- 302 year, there will not be any need for selling tickets and the event can  
303 be made free and open to all.
- 304 3. Senator Kleinheksel – in order to maintain parity with the way we  
305 fund other student organizations, he would like to amend to reduce  
306 funding – cut food item worth \$400.
- 307 a. Senator White – why are we being harsh now?  
308 b. Treasurer Gross – point of clarification – there are no  
309 guidelines for food right now.  
310 c. Senator Yeninas – asked clarification on the issue.  
311 d. Se  
312 e. Senator Kleinheksel - explained that for all other student  
313 organizations, the funding ratio for food: other activity is kept  
314 at less than 50%, just trying to be fair to other student  
315 organizations.  
316 f. Treasurer Gross – just to inform the senate that all of the  
317 pizza events this year and last year were fully funded by the  
318 special allocations.  
319 g. Senator Yeninas – did you go to any other funding source?  
320 WE went to GSB, but since they fall under pre-professional  
321 groups, they were redirected to GPSS.  
322 h. Treasurer Gross – vote to remove amendment?  
323 i. Vote on amendment  
324 i. Yes – 9  
325 ii. No – 35  
326 iii. Abstain – 2  
327 j. Amendment Fails, back to the bill as a whole.
- 328 4. Senator Kresge – friendly amendment to change the word “believes”  
329 to “beliefs”, accepted.
- 330 5. Senator Yeninas – gives the idea to the group to ask for money from  
331 other sources also, gave example for the “PhD Movie” screening.
- 332 6. Treasurer Gross – call to question, 2nded.
- 333 7. Voting  
334 a. Yes – 44  
335 b. No – 2  
336 c. Abstain - 1
- 337 f. Elections  
338 i. CIO Sarkar, also the election chair presided over the election procedure.  
339 ii. Positions on the executive council:  
340 1. President  
341 a. Nominations: Senator Kleinheksel  
342 i. He has been in GPSS for 2 years now, likes to work  
343 and would like to continue do good work as the  
344 president of GPSS. He has good intentions while

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345 serving GPSS, and welcomes any feedback from the  
346 senate about the direction of GPSS. Has been working  
347 closely with President Smith, also been part of the  
348 rules and finance committees. Also been a part of the  
349 selection of new provost.

350 ii. Questions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

393 vii. VOTE:

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- 394 1. Yes – 43  
395 2. No – 0  
396 3. Abstain – 3  
397 viii. PASSED, Senator Kleinheksel is the president-elect.  
398 2. Vice-President  
399 a. Nominations: Senator Woolcock, Senator Deleon  
400 i. Deleon – enjoys working at GPSS, will accept the  
401 nomination, however, and might be out of town in the  
402 fall meeting.  
403 ii. Woolcock – will be out of town during the spring  
404 semester for sure, if Deleon is willing to be VP, he  
405 will be glad to fill in the shoes in Deleon if he is out  
406 of town in fall.  
407 iii. CIO Sarkar – point of clarification – if the senator  
408 who is elected today cannot serve the whole term,  
409 then the new CIO will hold another election in the  
410 month of November and elect the new VP for the rest  
411 of the term.  
412 iv. Both the senators asked to leave the room, floor open  
413 for discussion.  
414 v. President Smith – both Woolcock and Deleon will get  
415 the job done, vote for the person you think can do the  
416 job done, not the person who will be present or not.  
417 vi. Vice president Fateh – Woolcock served in the rules  
418 committee for the past 2 years, she agrees with Smith.  
419 vii. VOTE:  
420 1. Yes – 3 (Woolcock) / 43 (Deleon)  
421 2. No – 0  
422 3. Abstain – 1  
423 viii. PASSED, Senator Deleon is the vice-president-elect.  
424 3. Treasurer  
425 a. Nominations: Senator Peters  
426 i. She will be here for another 2 years at least, he has  
427 experience in the fiscal matters as she was part of the  
428 finance committee, she was also the treasurer for HCI  
429 graduate group in 2010, finance officer in a German  
430 government organization.  
431 ii. Senator Peters asked to leave the room, floor open for  
432 discussion.  
433 iii. Treasurer Gross – he endorses Peters.  
434 iv. VOTE:  
435 1. Yes – 46  
436 2. No – 0  
437 3. Abstain – 1  
438 v. PASSED, Senator Peters is the treasurer-elect.  
439 4. CIO  
440 a. Nominations: Anna Agripina Prisacari  
441 i. She wants to run for CIO, she has not been GPSS  
442 senator before, she is doing PhD in HCI (2<sup>nd</sup> year),

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- 443 she has been actively involved in Global gala, she met  
444 with current CIO Sarkar and discussed about the  
445 different responsibilities involved.  
446 ii. Anna asked to leave the room, floor open for  
447 discussion.  
448 iii. CIO Sarkar transferred his election chair  
449 responsibilities to VP Fateh temporarily.  
450 iv. CIO Sarkar – endorses Anna, he has known her for 2  
451 years, she has been very actively involved with SUB  
452 for close to 2 years, she was the point-person behind  
453 the global gala, plus she being a graduate student in  
454 HCI, she has good knowledge of computers and  
455 webpage designing software.  
456 v. VOTE:  
457 1. Yes – 46  
458 2. No – 0  
459 3. Abstain – 1  
460 vi. PASSED, Anna is the CIO-elect.  
461 vii. VP Fateh gives the election chair responsibilities back  
462 to CIO Sarkar.

### 5. URLA Chair

#### a. Nomination: Senator Tlach

- 465 i. He will not going to be here in summer, but he will  
466 get the things done and has spoken with current  
467 URLA Pelzer about it. He will be in ISU till May  
468 2012, so will be present here through the entire term  
469 ii. Senator Tlach asked to leave the room, floor open for  
470 discussion.  
471 iii. VOTE:  
472 1. Yes – 44  
473 2. No – 0  
474 3. Abstain – 1  
475 iv. PASSED, Senator Tlach is the URLA Chair- elect.

### 6. PAG chair

#### a. Nominations: Senator Yeninsas, Senator Stoehr

- 478 i. Senator Yeninas withdrew his nomination.  
479 ii. Stoehr – GET STATEMENTS FROM APRIL.  
480 iii. VOTE:  
481 1. Yes – 47  
482 2. No – 0  
483 3. Abstain – 1  
484 iv. PASSED, Senator Stoehr is the PAG Chair- elect.

## VIII. Announcements meeting

### a. President Smith

- 487 i. The new exec-elect people – please get in touch with your current post  
488 people for transition, there will be a meeting soon about it, mail will be sent  
489 out.

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- 490                   ii. Remember the Regents' day this Thursday, please attend.
- 491                   b. Sarkar – Opens the nominations for GPSS Senators for next year, will update the
- 492                   forms on the website. Current senators are encourages to return next year, and also
- 493                   recruit new fellow students for senators.
- 494                   IX. Adjournment - 9:31 am