GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 16, 2012; 7:00 PM
South Ballroom, MU

I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
   a. Roll Call
   b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
   c. Approval of the Minutes
   d. Amendments to the Agenda

II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
   a. Senate Bill S12-14 - Bridging students’ scholarship development and academic-social connection through collaborative peer support structures
   b. Senate Bill S12-15 - Cancer Topics Scientific Journal Club
   c. Senate Bill S12-16 - Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization Graduate Learning Community

III. Open Forum
   a. Keith Bystrom, Associate Counsel, ISU
   b. Sarah Passonneau, Assessment Librarian

IV. Senate Forum
   a. Jeritt Tucker

V. Remarks and Reports
   a. Report of the President - President Smith
   b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Fateh
   c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Gross
   d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Sarkar
   e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Pelzer
   f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Brgoch
   g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report

VI. Old Business
   a. Senate Bill S12-09 - Amending the Constitution (2nd & final read)

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VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment
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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.
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
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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 inventorying 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.

IV. Senate Forum
   a. OPEN

V. Remarks and Reports
   a. Report of the President - President Smith
      i. This Thursday, March 29th is Regents’ Day at Des Moines Capitol, it is open to students and people, graduate students can present their research posters, so far 12 poster aisles have been arranged for, encourages more grads to
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bring more. Even if you have no poster but still want to come, you are more
than welcome to come.

ii. GSB has chartered buses to DSM, will leave Ames at around 11 am (this
time may change). GSB will provide boxed lunches on way back, by 3.30
pm. You are also free to bring your own vehicle.

iii. University of Iowa and Northern Iowa are also going to be present there.

iv. There should be plenty of space for posters, encourage mailing her for more
logistics/details. Requested to wear business attire. So far, she has got lots of
responses from civil, mechanical, chemistry etc.

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

i. The Rules committee found the bills to be presented today to be OK with the
constitution, there are some issues related to voting right changes to make
the process more balanced, more details will be given when the bills are
read.

ii. The pizza social is on March 29th – this Thursday at Mothers Pub from 6-8
pm. Please come, bring friends and family.

iii. The spring picnic is on April 13th, 2012 from 5-8 pm at Kildee pavilion; the
menu will include subs from subway among other things.

iv. She is a part of the Veishea advisory committee; there was a question in the
previous meetings about long lines for lunch in the central campus and food
running out. She clarified this issue with the VEISHEA committee, there
must have been some miscommunication, as they arrange for food for
around 2000 people, and they claimed not to be having run out of food for
last 3 years. They have an excellent mobile version of website, one could
buy tickets and check schedule from cell phones.

v. QUESTIONS:

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

i. The finance committee found all the 3 bills favorable to be presented to the
senate today.

ii. Mention to the finance committee, they will be meeting 1 last time, for
brainstorming ideas for the next committee.

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

i. Website is updated; please contact me for any changes to the webpage.

ii. The exec elections will be held later today, the nomination process is still
on.

iii. The announcement of the senators will be made later today.

e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Pelzer

i. No major committee updates yet.

ii. Reminder about the Regents day this coming Thursday, encourages all
senators to attend, meeting legislatures would be fun.

iii. In the 2nd week of April 2012, GPSS would be arranging for the CV/Resume
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.
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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:
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.
      vii. 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
TITLE: Amending the Constitution

WHEREAS: The Rules Committee is charged to review the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution each year, and

WHEREAS: The current Constitution in place for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate does not accurately represent the proceedings in the Senate, be it therefore

ENACTED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution be amended as attached.

Sponsors:
Woolcock, P.
Kleinheksel, C.
Frana, A.
Duthie, A.

Erica Smith, President
Benazir Fateh, Chair of the Senate
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

CONSTITUTION

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of Iowa State University is an elected body through which graduate and professional students express their concern for the welfare of graduate and professional students at the University, develop and disseminate ideas for the improvement of graduate and professional education, and contribute to the formation of relevant University policy. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is the representative, deliberative, and administrative organization of the graduate and professional student body of Iowa State University, and is a duly constituted independent collegiate organization within the University.

ARTICLE I. THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

1. Representation. Each graduate department, interdepartmental and professional program may elect one Senator for each fraction of fifty (50) graduate or professional students enrolled with a maximum of 5 Senators per department. Interdepartmental majors will be counted as members of their major rather than their home departments. Additionally, the special status of Senator-at-large shall be granted to the President and Vice-President of the GPSS and the Government of the Student Body (GSB) Senators representing the Graduate College.

2. Eligibility. Any student enrolled at least halftime (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) in a graduate department, interdepartmental, or professional program at Iowa State University may be elected as a Senator. Each graduate/professional program may create more restrictive rules for electing Senators if they choose.

3. Definitions

i. Senators. A Senator is an elected departmental representative registered in good standing with the Graduate College or any of the professional colleges and University. Each Senator will have one vote in the Senate.

ii. Senators-at-large. The following positions carry the status of Senator-at-large. Status as a Senator-at-large shall not count against a departmental quota (ARTICLE I, section 1, representation), and is not subject to departmental election procedures as otherwise defined in the By-laws or the Standing Rules.

a. President. The President shall represent the Senate as a whole and shall not carry a vote.

b. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall represent the Senate as a whole. The Vice-President shall only vote to decide a tie.

c. Graduate GSB Senators. They shall be granted voting rights in GPSS as Senators-at-large and shall represent the graduate student body as a whole. They shall also act as a liaison between GSB and GPSS to facilitate efficient and productive legislation by the two bodies and to strengthen representation of student concerns to administration. GSB Senators-at-large shall carry one vote. GSB Senators who represent the Graduate College shall be elected to GSB by the graduate student body or, in the case of a vacancy or special circumstances, appointed to GSB by GPSS as defined in the GSB Constitution and By-Laws

d. Session. A scheduled meeting of the seated Senate

4. Terms. Members of the Senate are elected by the graduate or professional students, as the case may be, in their departments for one year terms that begin in August or January and may be re-elected for as long as they continue to be in good standing with the graduate college or college of Veterinary Medicine.
5. Officers. The officers of the Senate are the President, Vice-President, Chief Information Officer, and Treasurer. Henceforth, this order shall be known as the order of seniority. The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be defined and be limited to:

i. President:
   a. Preside over the GPSS Executive Council meetings.
   b. Preside over any general meetings of the graduate and/or professional student body.
   c. Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.
   d. Coordinate and direct the activities of the operating committees.
   e. Assume risk management responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced by the organization.
   f. Such other responsibilities as authorized by the Senate. Authorization may be reviewed by the Senate as necessary.

ii. Vice-President:
   a. Assume the responsibility of the President in the case of the President's absence.
   b. Preside over Sessions of the Senate or designate the chair with the approval of the Senate.
   c. Conduct the Senate Sessions according to the rules of procedure set by the Rules Committee.
   d. Determine whether or not a quorum is present.
   e. Chair the Rules Committee.

iii. Chief Information Officer:
   a. Record and file records of activities of the Senate and its agencies.
   b. Keep a record of attendance at Senate Sessions.
   c. Handle and maintain a record of all Senate correspondence.
   d. Conduct roll call votes.
   e. Maintain the GPSS webpage and email listservs.
   f. Have a functional knowledge of GPSS rules and proceedings.
   g. Chair the Elections Committee.

iv. Treasurer:
   a. Collect, keep a record of, and arrange for the safekeeping of such monies as the Senate may obtain.
   b. Disburse such monies as the Senate approves through a Senate Bill unless other procedures are outlined in the Bylaws or Senate Bill.
   c. Report to the Senate for approval at all regular sessions, all income and expenses and maintain records of all transactions.
   d. Maintain financial records for inspection at any time by members of the Senate.
   e. Chair the Finance Committee.


i. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate meets once per month, except in the months of December and May, during the Fall and Spring semesters. Summer sessions may be held at the discretion of the Executive Council for Senators who are in place and present at Iowa State University.

ii. The Vice-President shall call additional sessions as directed by the Senate or a written petition of 30% of the Senate

7. Powers and Duties.

i. The Senate may discuss and take a position on any subject of concern to the graduate and professional student body. The Senate may discuss and make policies within its jurisdiction. The Senate may also
allocate funds by Senate Bill or through an approved budget. Allocation of funds shall never exceed the actual funds possessed by the Senate.

ii. Issues must be referred to a vote of the graduate and professional student body upon receipt of a petition of five percent (5%) of the graduate and professional student body (as determined by the Office of the Registrar), or may be referred by the Senate. The vote shall be through a process approved by the Senate and the voting process shall be open for not less than one regular class day (9am to 5pm).

iii. The Senate may call general meetings of the graduate and professional student body.

iv. The Senate is the judge of its membership.

v. The existence of the Senate shall not preclude other means of communication between the graduate or professional student and the University.

ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Membership. The Executive Council consists of the Senate officers and the chairpersons of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs and Professional Advancement Grant committees.

2. Terms. The term of office for Executive Council members shall expire upon the adjournment of the April session.

3. Eligibility. The Executive Council members are elected by and from the Senate.

   i. All members of the current or incoming Senate are eligible to serve as other Executive Council members.

   ii. Members of the Executive Council or nominees to be elected to the Executive Council must meet the following requirements:

      a. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 and meet that minimum cumulative GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.

      b. Be in good standing with the University and enrolled: at least half-time (six or more credit hours), unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement during their term of office.

      c. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a) and (b)

   iii. The Senate may recall, if necessary, any of the members of the Executive Council by a 2/3 vote of elected senators.

4. Meetings. The President shall call meetings of the Executive Council at the request of any member of the Council or as is necessary. Executive council meetings, limited to persons invited by the Council, may be held by a majority vote of the Council. Otherwise, these meetings will be open to all persons advertised appropriately before the council meeting. Each member of the Executive Council shall have one vote.

5. Powers and Duties.

   i. The Executive Council represents the Senate while the Senate is not in session.

   ii. The Executive Council is responsible directly to the Senate for all its activities and decisions.
iii. The Executive Council may act on behalf of the Senate only on issues requiring action prior to the next Senate session and a quorum for a special Senate session cannot be attained.

iv. The Executive Council must report all its activities, actions and decisions to the Senate at the next Senate session.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

1. Permanent Standing Committees.

i. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee prepares the budget and makes recommendations for allocations of the funds of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. The Treasurer acts as Chair for the Finance Committee. In addition, the finance committee will
   a. Compose a bill of guidelines for regular and special allocations during the spring semester to be used for the following year.
   b. Notify the senate of any changes to the guidelines due to current circumstances.

ii. Rules Committee. The Rules Committee prescribes all general and special rules of procedure necessary for the orderly consideration of Senate business. All questions of a procedural or legal nature are directed to the Rules Committee. The Vice President serves as the Chair for the Rules Committee.

iii. Elections Committee. The Elections Committee is responsible for ensuring that all Senate positions are filled. All questions regarding GPSS membership are directed to the Elections Committee. The Chief Information Officer is the Chair of the Elections Committee, which
   a. Supervises elections of Senators and Executive Council members.
   b. Supervises special elections needed to fill vacancies.
   c. Maintains a record of attendance at all Senate sessions and notifies Senators as well as their departments or professional programs of their nonattendance.

iv. Professional Advancement Grant Committee. The Professional Advancement Grant Chair will work with a representative from the Graduate College for travel awards, and form a committee to select the Graduate Research and Graduate Teaching award winners for the Fall and Spring semesters. Further assistance may be needed to aid the PAG Chair with other duties of his/her position. This assistance will be asked for on an as-needed basis.

v. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee. Questions regarding public and university policy on graduate and professional students shall be referred to this committee. The duties of this committee include
   a. Advocating graduate and professional student concerns to local, state, and federal officials.
   b. Monitoring governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students.
   c. Coordinating Senate actions to influence public policy on graduate and professional student concerns.
   d. Recruit graduate and professional students to serve on University Committees.
   e. Serving as an investigative committee for the Senate when the occasion arises.
   f. Work closely with the Senators-at-large to GSB on issues that concern both Senates.
   g. Serve as a liaison to the GPSS regarding Board of Regents activities.

2. Other Committees. The Senate may establish such other standing or temporary committees as its business requires.

3. Committee Chairpersons. With the exception of the All committees including Finance, Rules, Elections, Professional Advancement Grant, and University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committees shall have a chairperson. If a committee does not have a chairperson, the President of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate or the Senate shall appoint all committee chairpersons.
ARTICLE IV. ADVISER

1. The duties of the Adviser(s) shall include:
   i. Be available to provide advice to Senators and Executive Council members.
   ii. Act as a liaison with the University Administration and in any other situation where a non-student spokesperson is needed.
   iii. Maintain confidentiality on any information given or when advice is sought, except where violation of law or University policy is at issue.
   iv. Sign all expenditures made by the organization.

2. Selection. The Adviser shall be selected through consultation between the President of the Senate and Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of the Provost. A majority vote of the Senate shall be required to confirm the appointment of the Adviser.

3. Term. The term of the Adviser shall be ongoing until resignation or removal by a two thirds vote of a 60% quorum of the Senate.

ARTICLE V. SUPREMACY OF RULES

1. The following shall be the order of supremacy of rules and policies of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate:
   i. Constitution
   ii. Articles of Cooperation
   iii. Bylaws
   iv. Acts of the Senate as passed through Senate Bill

2. All acts and rules of the Senate shall be in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws as well as Iowa State University rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

1. All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

2. No dues shall be required for membership as a Senator.

ARTICLE XVII. BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS, AND RATIFICATION

1. By-Laws. A set of By-Laws shall be written and maintained to specify the rules for elections and rules of procedure for the Senate and the Executive Council. Amendments to the By-Laws shall require approval from two-thirds of all Senators present, where those two-thirds are also a majority of all Senators currently elected and verified for approval.

2. Amendments. Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by the Senate, or by a petition to the Senate of at least one hundred (100) combined graduate and professional students. An amendment must be approved at two senate sessions that are at least two weeks apart. At each senate session, approval must be by two-thirds of all Senators present, where those two-thirds are also a majority of all Senators currently elected and verified at two senate sessions that are at least two weeks apart.
3. Ratification. This Constitution shall be ratified upon approval of three-fourths of the Senate.

If the Constitution or By-Laws are amended, the Chief Information Officer shall send an updated copy of both to the Student Activities Center within ten days of the amendment.
TITLE: Bridging students’ scholarship development and academic-social connection through collaborative peer support structures

WHEREAS: The Proposal Exploration Committee was ordered by the Senate to review funding proposals and submit a funding bill related to these proposals, and

WHEREAS: The Proposal Exploration Committee reviewed the proposal by Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Organization and found that it would impact Graduate/Professional student success/experience while being self-sustaining and receive department/program support, and

WHEREAS: The Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Organization proposal goals are: (1) a summer orientation event that supports new students in their transition to graduate studies and forges a relationship between students in the newly united School of Education, (2) securing guest speakers for seminars, (3) a robust distance connection format for distance and commuter students, and (4) website launch and maintenance, be it therefore

ENACTED: That GPSS allocates the following amounts to Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Organization to implement the proposal

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SENATE BILL S12-15
SENATE MEETING April 16, 2012

TITLE: Cancer Topics Scientific Journal Club

WHEREAS: The Proposal Exploration Committee was ordered by the Senate to review funding proposals and submit a funding bill related to these proposals, and

WHEREAS: The Proposal Exploration Committee reviewed the proposal to create the Cancer Topics Student-led Journal Club and found that it would impact Graduate/Professional student success/experience while being self-sustaining and receive department/program support, and

WHEREAS: The Cancer Topics Student-led Journal Club proposal goals are: (1) bring cancer research labs together, (2) increase intellectual collaboration, cooperation or support between the groups, and (3) provide opportunities for interaction between with the cancer research going on at Iowa State and the rest of the field, be it therefore

ENACTED: That GPSS allocates the following amounts to Cancer Topics Student-led Journal Club to implement the proposal

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TITLE: Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization Graduate Learning Community

WHEREAS: The Proposal Exploration Committee was ordered by the Senate to review funding proposals and submit a funding bill related to these proposals, and

WHEREAS: The Proposal Exploration Committee reviewed the proposal by Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization and found that it would impact Graduate/Professional student success/experience while being self-sustaining and receive department/program support, and

WHEREAS: The Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization proposal goals are:
(1) pass vital information and experience down to new graduate students, (2) create relationships between the new students to improve the student’s transition, while providing stability and support, (3) provide tools and atmosphere for students to present their work similar to that of a professional conference, and (4) document and transfer information between previous cabinet members and new cabinet members via a consistent platform, be it therefore

ENACTED: That GPSS allocates the following amounts to Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization to implement the proposal

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