IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 22, 2013
7:00 PM
Lago W 0142

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. Open Forum
   a. Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (MEGSO)
   b. Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Organization (CIGSO)
   c. Steven Leath, University President

III. Senate Forum
   a. Senator Zhang
   b. Clicker Demonstration

IV. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
   a. Senate Bill S13 - 13 Executive Council Scholarship Revision
   b. Senate Resolution S13 – 14 Promotion of Graduate Involvement and Leadership
   c. Senate Resolution S13 – 15 Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members
   d. Senate Bill S13 – 16 Transfer of FY2014 Summer PAG Funds to Surplus Account

V. Remarks and Reports
   a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel
   b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León
   c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters
   d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari
   e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach
   f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr
   g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report

VI. Old Business
   a. Senate Bill S13 – 06 Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements and Correction of Syntax Errors (Yellow)
   b. Senate Bill S13 – 07 Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate (Gray)
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VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment
I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
   a. Roll Call – 65%
   b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - MET
   c. Approval of the Minutes - MET
   d. Amendments to the Agenda
      i. Move Open Forum before introduction and new bills and resolutions
      ii. MET

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   d. Senate Bill S13 – 09 Amending the By-Laws: Creating a Separate Articles of Cooperation Document
   e. Senate Bill S13 – 10 Amending the By-Laws
   f. Senate Bill S13 – 011 Special allocation for the Professional Advancement Grants (PAGs)
   g. Senate Bill S13 – 012 Spring 2013 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Allocations

III. Open Forum
   a. Paul Johnson, Student Legal Services
      i. Student Legal Services (SLS) provides free, confidential legal advice and services for current ISU students, spouse cardholders, and registered student groups
      ii. SLS is located in 0367 Memorial Union, just across M-shop
      iii. Services provided by SLS include: administrative law, criminal law, consumer issues, employment issues, landlord-tenant issues, wills and powers of attorney
      iv. SLS does not handle cases that involve student vs. student, student vs. university, university disciplinary matters, and outside Story County
      v. SLS was just recently added to the Dean of students website
      vi. SLS began in 1985 with one part-time attorney. Prior to that year, ISU had a legal clinical run by the Drake students
      vii. Currently 22% of total students who use SLS are graduate students
viii. Services used by graduate students the most: notary services, issues with landlords, creation of wills

ix. GSB continues to fund SLS: its library (in-office and online library), services, transportation, etc.

x. Are appointments required?
   1. A lot of times people can just walk in. We don’t do phone consultations, as we don’t know who is calling us. This might be a problem for Vet Met. To solve this, we try to have office hours on Wednesday mornings on Vet Med campus.

xi. Would someone be available for simple consultations if student is out of state?
   1. Yes, we try to accommodate as many students as possible

xii. We get a lot of referrals – from parents (former ISU students), Ames court, and police

xiii. For more information, visit SLS website@ www.dso.iastate.edu/sls

IV. Senate Forum

a. Graduate Excellence Subcommittee (GES) updates, presented by Senator Pritchard

b. GES’ objectives: increase graduate enrollment by 40% and increase graduate degrees awarded by 20% in 4 years

c. URLA Chair Tlach: This is a part of dean’s office initiative to keep ISU’s membership. ISU is a member of elite Association of American Universities. Our current graduate enrollment is what we are lacking the most

d. Is it really a good idea to recruit graduate students within? We might be disadvantaging our students by recruiting within. In some fields, employers don’t like hiring someone who has his/her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the same institution.

V. Remarks and Reports

a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel
   i. University is currently investigating diversity issues and outreach. If you have any input or comments on this topic, feel free to contact me. I can either provide you with the contact information or forward your feedback.

   ii. GSB elections are over, GSB president-elect is Mr. Hughes. Several graduate students were nominated for GSB Senator-at-large so potentially we might have all 3 Senators at large for the next year. There were some issues with the graduate ballots. Several graduate students voted for their academic college rather than Graduate College. Graduate students should not be allowed to vote for undergraduate students.

   iii. Associate VP of student affairs is stepping down, two candidates will be on campus next week - April 2 & 3, 2-3pm.

      1. Martino Harmon (April 2, 2pm, Gold Room, Memorial Union):
         http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/Harmon,%20Martino.pdf

      2. Lisa G. Blazer (April 3, 2pm, 3512 Memorial Union):
         http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/Blazer,%20Lisa.pdf
iv. Additional PAG funds opportunity: The Medical College of Wisconsin is offering its graduate students an opportunity to earn additional travel funds through a once a year phone and mail request to alumni and faculty. Only students who participate in this are eligible to use this additional funding. Should GPSS consider this option as PAG consistently runs out of money?
   1. Why not consider utilizing surplus funds?
      a. This money is set aside to avoid running into negative balance
   2. All students should have an option to participate in this opportunity. However, these funds should not be limited only to participating students.
   3. These additional funds could go to the participating students first, then to all PAG applicants if not used.

v. What are some graduate students housing needs? Proximity to campus, furnishing, limited to younger professionals, consideration for families/pets, proximity to grocery stores, flexibility of lease, noisy neighbors

b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León
   i. Rules committee has spent this month revising the Constitution and By-laws and we have made some significant changes
   ii. GPSS Spring Social – April 5th in the Marston field, this event is open to all graduate and professional students and their families, please share this news with your constituents

c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters
   i. Finance Committee has reviewed 2 bills: PAG and regular allocation; on both accounts the vote was favorable
   ii. GPSS has received $9,000 less this year from the student fees than last year. We still have one more distribution on 30 of June which should be slightly higher due to GSB ration change

d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari
   i. Clicker Demonstration will take place next month
   ii. Graduate Research Conference
      1. Approx. time for this conference: last week of February - mid March, 2014. Please let me know if there is a major event for your department/program at this time so we can reschedule this event
      2. On April 29 I will be presenting this idea at the Associate Deans for Graduate Programs meeting
   iii. Nominations for 2013-2014 GPSS Executive Board positions
      1. Executive elections will be held later today and I am still accepting nominations.

e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach

f. Board of Regents
i. Transparency Committee has been formed including administrators from Iowa’s public universities, members of the Iowa Legislature, and members of the Board of Regents
   1. Increase the transparency of the Board actions to the public
   2. Better connect with the taxpayers who are helping support the public universities

ii. Purchase of Land by the Board of Regents for ISU:
   1. 250 N Hyland at a cost of $150,000 and proposed to renovate for design offices
   2. 2121 State Street at a cost of $950,000 from John Wiley & Sons

g. Graduate Council:
   i. Evaluating the roles of Professors-Emeritus
      1. Can act only as a co-adviser for graduate students
      2. Also can serve on POS committees
      3. How long should they be allowed to serve in these roles?
   ii. Evaluate the use of post-docs to serve on POS committees
      1. Great opportunity for post-docs and also provide more options for students
      2. May get POS committees overrun with post-docs
      3. Post-docs positions may end before students graduate (final defense)

h. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr
   i. Peer teaching and research awards applications are due this Friday, March 29th at 5pm. The winners will be awarded at April Senate meeting.
   ii. All summer applications can be submitted now, but will not be reviewed until April 20th. You are only allowed 1 PAG per fiscal year, so if you have applied and received PAG during this fiscal year, your application will be automatically denied. To verify your status, please contact your department contact as they are notified first.

i. Graduate and GSB Senator Report

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Senate Bills

   i. Senate Bill S13 – 06 Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements and Correction of Syntax Errors (Yellow)
      1. Table to read and discuss all the bills first (UC)
      2. Vote:
         a. Yes: 66
         b. No: 0
         c. Abstain: 0
         d. PASSES
   ii. Senate Bill S13 – 07 Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate (Gray)
      1. CIO Prisacari: Currently 4 officers are serving double roles. By removing Senator privileges from these 4 officers would open up only 4 additional seats in Senate
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for the departments officers are coming from. Do you think that with 30 external
committees and 6 internal GPSS committees GPSS currently does not provide
you and your constituents enough opportunities for leadership?

2. CIO Prisacari: According to Student Activities Center policies, a student
organization cannot function without a President and Treasurer. By removing the
Senator privileges and restricting eligibility only to current senators we are in fact,
taking away leadership opportunities from the graduate students and possibly
facing the risk of fulfilling the Executive seats if not enough current senators
choose to run for the executive positions.

3. Senator Beyer: what about the students who have served as Senator in the past?
Can we change this line to “senators who have served or are currently serving as a
Senator?”

4. Not every department is lucky to have many graduate students who are interested
in serving as the Senator. Both big and small departments are struggling to fill
their seats. Some of us are here because no one else wants to serve as a Senator.

5. CIO Prisacari: why not leave up to the department to decide whether the student
who was elected in the Executive Office can represent his/her department while
serving as an executive.

6. Adopt amendments to the bill
   a. Yes: 66
   b. No: 0
   c. Abstain: 0
   d. PASSES

7. Table the bill

8. Vote:
   a. Yes: 65
   b. No: 0
   c. Abstain: 1
   d. PASSES

iii. Senate Bill S13 – 08 Amending the Constitution: Redefining Senator Roles and the
Graduate Student to Senator Ratio (Green)

1. Senator Kaplan: just to clarify, according to the GPSS Constitution, GSB Senator-
at-large does not represent his/her department.
   a. URLA Chair Tlach: That is correct.

2. Vote on Limiting the discussion to 5 minutes:
   a. Yes: 43
   b. No: 14
   c. Abstain: 5
   d. PASSES

3. Vote on adopting the changes (UC)

4. Bill Vote:
   a. Yes: 60
   b. No: 5
   c. Abstain: 1
iv. Senate Bill S13 – 09 Amending the By-Laws: Creating a Separate Articles of Cooperation Document

1. Vote:
   a. Yes: 66
   b. No: 0
   c. Abstain: 0
   d. PASSES

v. Senate Bill S13 – 010 Amending the By-Laws

1. Senator Mukherjee: I suggest to cap senate meeting to 3 hours so leaving at 10pm should not be counted against the attendance.
2. PAG Chair Stoehr: I understand your concern, however, we are all here because we want to be here, not because we have to be. We are discussing important issues that sometime may take an extra time. As senators, we are well aware of this time commitment.
3. CIO Prisacari: we might have meetings with long agenda that require quorum such as our elections tonight. Seeing Senators leave after 10pm will negatively impact GPSS functionality.
4. President Kleinheksel: this is something for the next VP and CIO to decide: how to better time the meeting
5. If something occurs only once such as executive elections, why not cap it?
6. Senator Goodrich (sub): As agenda is emailed ahead of time, senators have a good expectation of time before coming to the meeting.
7. Vote on adapting addition to the By-laws “unless the meeting proceeds longer than three hours”
   a. Yes: 18
   b. No: 37
   c. Abstain: 9
   d. FAILS

8. Vote on the amended bill (UC)

9. Vote on the bill:
   a. Yes: 66
   b. No: 0
   c. Abstain: 0
   d. PASSES

vi. Senate Bill S13 – 011 Special Allocation for the Professional Advancement Grants (PAGs)

1. President Kleinheksel – do we have enough money to fund this bill as we have received $9,000 less this year than last year?
   a. Treasurer Peters – yes. Our surplus account will still have $6,000 left
2. PAG Chair Stoehr– we are always trying to accommodate as many as possible students, but reality is, we might not always have enough funds
3. President Kleinheksel – is there a reason why this sum is only allocated to spring semester?
a. PAG Chair Stoehr—currently we aiming at funding 10 presenters and 10 non-presenters. We already have extra funds for summer onwards from GSB ratio switch.

4. Vote:
   a. Yes: 61
   b. No: 1
   c. Abstain: 3
   d. PASSES

vii. Senate Bill S13 – 012 Spring 2013 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

Allocations

1. Vote:
   a. Yes: 65
   b. No: 0
   c. Abstain: 0
   d. PASSES

2. Treasurer Peters: Thank you to all the senators who have assisted their student organizations in the process of applying for regular allocations.

~ 5 minute break ~

b. Executive Elections

i. President

1. Senator Mukherjee nominated President Kleinheksel, he declined
2. Candidate: CIO Prisacari
   a. Served in GPSS 1 year, 3rd year PhD student in Human Computer Interaction
   b. Interests/objectives:
      i. Transition to online application format (regular allocations, senator verification, PAG application)
      ii. Continue working with the Graduate College to better serve and connect with the graduate student population. Potential topics include: Graduate orientation program and Graduate Student Success Center
      iii. Build a stronger relationship with GSB. This year we particularly struggled with getting and keeping GSB Senator-at-large. Also I’d like to discuss in more detail what does 50-50 ratio mean for GSB and for GPSS and weather we need to consider changing it again.
   c. Senator Hale: why graduate orientation? Departments already have it.
      i. CIO Prisacari: several years ago Graduate College used to offer an orientation for all incoming graduate students. Currently not all departments/programs offer a graduate orientation so some
students are at disadvantage and are not fully aware of all services
and resources that are available to them. This idea was brought up
several times this year in the Senate meetings and was reflected in
the Senator Pritchard’s report for Graduate Excellence
Subcommittee.

d. President Kleinheksel: I have worked with Anna since December. She is
well prepared for this position.
e. Vote:
   i. Yes: 57
   ii. No: 0
   iii. Abstained: 1
   iv. PASSES

f. CIO Prisacari is GPSS President elect

ii. Vice-President

1. Candidates: Senator Zenko and URLA Chair Tlach
   a. Senator Zenko is a graduate student in kinesiology, has been in GPSS for
      one year, has previous experience working with student organizations
   b. URLA Chair Tlach – 5th year PhD student in chemistry, currently serves
      on executive cabinet, serves on Rules Committee, has been a Senator in
      the past. He plans to graduate next year.

2. Senator Zenko, is this the only position you are running for tonight?
   a. No, I am also running for PAG Chair position.

3. Vote:
   a. Senator Zenko (4)
   b. URLA Chair Tlach (53)
   c. Abstained (1)

4. URLA Chair Tlach is GPSS Vice-President elect

iii. Treasurer

1. CIO Prisacari nominated President Kleinheksel, he accepted
2. Candidates: Senator Helms (not present) and President Kleinheksel
3. Treasurer Peters: both candidates are very knowledgeable and have experience
   with the finance operations. However, Senator Helms, coming from Veterinary
   Medicine will greatly help to better connect graduate and professional students.
   Currently, Vet Med students are feeling distant. We need a Vet Med student on
   the Executive Board.

4. Senator Mukherjee: Cory has been on GPSS for several years, having him would
   be an advantage to the new Executive Board.
5. Treasurer Peters: both candidates have the experience, but we have to look at the continuity of execs. Last year we had a very “green” team. Having new and old execs on the same team is of benefit to us.

6. Senator Pritchard: I have had some extended conversations with Cory and what GPSS means to him. He has a great vision for GPSS. Vet Med student would greatly diversify exec board. It is very hard to vote for someone who is not present and cannot share his vision with us tonight.

7. CIO Prisacari: Cory has tremendous expertise regarding GSB’s operations. Having him on Executive Board would be an asset to GPSS especially when we plan to review the GPSS/GSB ratio this year again.

8. Vice President De León: no doubt, Cory has great connections and expertise, but I am leading towards new blood. Senator Helms will bring new ideas and diversity to new cabinet.

9. Senator Den Herder: from my experience, we have no problems Cory being our treasurer. Senator Helms would like to represent everyone, not just Vet Med.

10. Vote:
   a. Senator Tim Helms (42)
   b. President Kleinheksel (16)
   c. Abstained (0)

11. Senator Helms is GPSS Treasurer elect

iv. CIO
1. President Kleinheksel self-nominated
2. Candidates: Senator Mukherjee and President Kleinheksel
3. Senator Dalluge: Cory, would you consider URLA nomination?
   a. No
4. Senator Kaplan: Cory, will you have the time to implement all the changes to the GPSS website?
   a. Yes, this is my second to last year.
5. Senator Pritchard: Cory is the NSF fellowship recipient. He knows what he is doing and the changes he is proposing are very doable for him.
6. Senator Agarwal: Senator Mukherjee is very passionate about GPSS, he motivated me to join the Senate.
7. Senator Diddi: as the first year senator, Senator Mukherjee has put a lot of effort. This is especially evident by how much effort he’s putting into Transparency bill and committee.
8. Senator Singh: Arko is very dedicated. He will do a good job as CIO.
9. CIO Prisacari: both candidates are excellent. Cory has helped me on numerous occasions with the GPSS website and technical issues I encountered. Arko has
expressed his interest in this position several weeks ago. Since then we’ve met several times. So both of them are well aware of what this position entails and are well prepared for it.

10. Vice President De León: Arko has been a very strong and active voice in GPSS. Cory has been with GPSS for several years. Regardless how he stays involved, it will be to GPSS advantage.

11. Vote:
   a. Senator Mukherjee (35)
   b. President Kleinheksel (22)
   c. Abstained (1)

12. Senator Mukherjee is GPSS CIO elect

v. URLA Chair

1. Senator Huffman was nominated, he accepted
2. Candidates: Senator Huffman, Senator Saleem, and PAG Chair Stoehr
3. URLA Chair Tlach: Senator Saleem has done an excellent job with social.
4. Vice President De León: I’ve known Senator Huffman for a while. He is very intelligent and has a good sense of humor. And again, I am leading towards “new blood”.

5. Vote:
   a. PAG Chair Stoehr (17)
   b. Senator Saleem (12)
   c. Senator Huffman (29)

6. Senator Huffman is URLA Chair elect

vi. PAG Chair

1. PAG Chair Stoehr nominated President Kleinheksel, he declined
2. Candidates: Senator Zenko, Senator Singh, and Senator Diddi
3. PAG Chair Stoehr: Senator Diddi has the knowledge and is well prepared for this position
4. Senator Mukherjee: Senator Singh has the computer science expertise; she will be able to transition PAG applications to online format
5. Treasurer Peters: I have worked with both Senators Singh and Diddi. Both are excellent candidates
6. Senator Kaplan: computer expertise is important, but I think PAG Chair does more than just approving PAG applications
7. Senator Mukherjee: to me, it is more important to transition to online format, so computer expertise is essential to this position.
8. Vice President De León: the depth of the position is only scratched by application process.
9. Vote:
  a. Senator Singh (6)
  b. Senator Zenko (8)
  c. Senator Diddi (44)

10. Senator Diddi is PAG Chair elect

VIII. Announcements

a. SAC Nominations
   The Student Activities Center is currently seeking nominations for the 2013 Student
   Organization Awards. Categories include:
   - Outstanding Student Leader of the Year
   - Outstanding Commitment to Diversity
   - Outstanding Commitment to Service
   - Outstanding Event of the Year
   - Outstanding Student Organization Adviser of the Year
   Deadline is March 31

b. DAAWAT fundraising dinner organized by SANKALP a non-profit student organization, this
   Saturday at The Plex. The funds collected will be going to sponsor a variety of projects in dinner:
   http://www.facebook.com/events/428240097270884/

c. Sri Lankan Night – this Saturday in Great Hall, show is free, dinner is $10
   http://www.facebook.com/events/317349691701041/

IX. Adjournment @ 11:38pm
SENATE BILL S13-13
SENATE MEETING April 22, 2013

TITLE: Executive Council Scholarship Revision

WHEREAS: The Executive Council members of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) are currently awarded with a scholarship during the fall and spring semesters out of the GPSS budget, and

WHEREAS: The current Executive Council members have indicated a decrease in the dollar amount of their scholarship would not change their dedication to the GPSS, and

WHEREAS: Decreasing the Executive scholarships would increase the available funds for the GPSS,

WHEREAS: The Executive scholarships are currently based on a percentage formula of tuition paid, and

WHEREAS: Setting a specific value for each executive scholarship would simplify the budget allocation estimate for Executive scholarships, and

WHEREAS: The Executive scholarship value should be more appropriately based on the time commitment of the officer position, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the GPSS Executive Officers be awarded their respective financial scholarship as outlined in the attached table.

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\(^1\)Number is based on percentage of tuition paid and is variable between semesters.  
\(^2\)Fixed semester values.
Sponsors:

Tlach, B.  Priscacari, A.  Peters, A.  Stoehr, A.

Helms, T.  Mukherjee, A.  Huffman, P.  Didi, S.

Cory J. Kleinheksel, President

J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate
SENATE RESOLUTION S13-14
SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

TITLE: Promotion of Graduate Involvement and Leadership

WHEREAS: There are several opportunities and needs for graduate and professional student involvement throughout Iowa State University which would provide the development of leadership, networking, and collaborative skills in addition to building the curriculum vitae or resume of students, and

WHEREAS: All graduate and professional students will be leaders in their field and will have demands and responsibilities beyond those required of a graduate or professional program, and

WHEREAS: Several opportunities and programs for professional development and/or campus involvement already exist specifically for graduate and professional students or to all students that lack participation and involvement from graduate and professional student body, and

WHEREAS: All graduate and professional students have unique talents, personalities, and interests that would benefit the graduate and professional student body and Iowa State as a whole while with strengthening the relationships between graduate and professional students and administrators, faculty, staff, and undergraduates, and

WHEREAS: Encouraging and mandating involvement beyond current academic requirements would broaden the skill set and provide a distinct advantage of Iowa State graduates when seeking employment upon completion of their program, be it therefore

RESOLVED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) recognizes the importance and benefits of graduate student involvement and realizes the general lack of encouragement from departments, programs, and advisors, be it further

RESOLVED: The GPSS supports the mandatory involvement of all graduate students at Iowa State University in various roles, programs, and organizations that may be determined according to each department or program, be it further

RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Graduate Council, the Graduate College, the Dean of Students, and the Office of the President.

Sponsors:
Tlach, B. Prisacari, A.

Cory J. Kleinheksel, President J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate
SENATE RESOLUTION S13-15
SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

TITLE: Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members

WHEREAS: Graduate and professional students commonly have a family or start a family while attending Iowa State University, and

WHEREAS: Mandates by Iowa State University for international students require health insurance for the family members of graduate and professional students, and

WHEREAS: The current health insurance offered by Iowa State for spouse, child, or spouse/child can exceed one-half of the monthly average stipend of graduate students, and

WHEREAS: Providing lower cost student family health insurance will promote greater opportunities and marketing of Iowa State to prospective students with families, and

WHEREAS: Iowa State still has an opportunity to take bids for health insurance needs for the upcoming year, be it therefore

RESOLVED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate supports providing lower cost health insurance through Iowa State or through a selected alternative provider for family members of Iowa State University students, be it further

RESOLVED: The GPSS present its case to the Student and Scholars Health Insurance Program Office (SSHIP) and the SSHIP Committee, be it further

RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Graduate Council, the Graduate College, the Dean of Students, the Student and the SSHIP Office.

Sponsors:
Tlach, B. Prisacari, A. Mukherjee, A.

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Cory J. Kleinheksel, President  J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate
SENATE BILL S13-16
SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

TITLE: Transfer of FY2014 Summer PAG Funds to Surplus Account

WHEREAS: $5000 of additional funds were allocated in Senate Bill S13-04 to the FY2014 Summer Professional Advancement Grants (PAG)s as a result of increased funds from Student Activity Fees resulting from the 50/50 GSB/GPSS split, and

WHEREAS: Several senators, graduate and professional students have expressed interest in developing an Iowa State Graduate Research Conference, and

WHEREAS: Funds are needed to initiate the planning and design of the conference, and

WHEREAS: An additional $1000 has already been rolled into the PAG account from the “speaker/programming” line item by 1 April 2013 in the absence of a scheduled speaker/program as stipulated in Senate Bill S13-04, be it therefore enacted

ENACTED: $4000 be transferred from the FY2014 summer session PAG account to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate surplus account.

Sponsors:
Tlach, B. Prisacari, A. Peters, A. Helms, T. Diddi, S.

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Cory James Kleinheksel, President

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Jose Eliseo De Leon, Chair of the Senate
SENATE BILL S13-06
SENATE MEETING MARCH 25, 2013

TITLE: Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements and Correction of Syntax Errors

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 of the Senate, and

WHEREAS: Student Activities Council mandates compulsory language with reference to discrimination practices, and

WHEREAS: The current Constitution contains a number of syntax and grammatical errors, be it therefore

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

Sponsors:

Tlach, B. Creager, N. Zenko, Z. Dick-Perez, M. Prisacari, A.

Cory J. Kleinheksel, President

J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate
TITLE: Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate

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

WHEREAS: Eligibility and definition of the Officers of the Senate can be more clearly defined, be it therefore

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

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Cory J. Kleinheksel, President J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate
TITLE: Amending the Constitution: Redefining Senator Roles and the Graduate Student to Senator Ratio

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

WHEREAS: The current Constitution in place for the GPSS does not accurately represent the proceedings of the Senate, and

WHEREAS: The number of Graduate and Professional Student Senators has grown to a critical value, and

WHEREAS: The roles and definitions of the Senators and Senators-at-large of GPSS can be more accurately defined, be it therefore

ENACTED: The GPSS Constitution be amended as attached.

Sponsors:

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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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 the total counted (100) graduate or professional students enrolled with a maximum of five (5) Senators per department, where enrollment in a department, interdepartmental and professional program may be obtained from http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/enrollment/statsmajor. Interdepartmental programs within concentrations will be reviewed in the President and Vice-President of the GPSS executive committee or the Student Body (SB) 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.
GPSS do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a U.S. veteran.

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 within the 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 1, section 1, representation), and is not subject to departmental election procedures as otherwise defined in the By-laws or the Standing Rules.

a. President. Officers of the Senate. The President shall represent the Senate as a whole and shall not carry a vote except Vice-President who shall only vote to break a tie.

b. Graduate GSB Senators. They 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.

iii. Session. A scheduled meeting of the seated Senate.

4. Terms. Members of the Senate are elected by 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, University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair, and Professional Advancement Grant Chair. 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:

a. President:

i. Preside over the GPSS Executive Council meetings.

ii. Preside over any general meetings of the graduate and/or professional student body.

iii. Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.

iv. Coordinate and direct the activities of the operating committees.

v. Assume risk management responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced by the organization.
vi. Such other responsibilities as authorized by the Senate. Authorization may be reviewed by the Senate as necessary.

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

c. Chief Information Officer:
   i. Record and file records of activities of the Senate and its agencies.
   ii. Keep a record of attendance at Senate Sessions.
   iii. Handle and maintain a record of all Senate correspondence.
   iv. Conduct roll call votes.
   v. Maintain the GPSS webpage and email listserv.
   vi. Have a functional knowledge of GPSS rules and proceedings.
   vii. Chair the Elections Committee.

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


i. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate meets once per month during the fall and spring semesters, 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
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1. 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. 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 professional student body.
   c. Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.
   d. Attend annual President’s training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.
   e. Coordinate and direct the activities of the operating committees as defined in article III.
   f. Assume risk management officer responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced by the organization.
      1. The role of risk management officer is [a] to recommend risk management policies or procedures to the GPSS, [b] to submit documentation to ISU’s risk management office and [c] to ensure that risk management procedures are implemented at all the organization’s events.
   g. 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.

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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.

f. Reserve monthly meeting venue through university’s room reservation request.

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 By-laws 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. Attend annual Treasurer’s training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.

   f. Chair the Finance Committee.

v. URLA Chair:

   a. Coordinate graduate and professional student body representation on university committees, collects
      feedback from those committees as well as legislative affairs.

   b. Plan speaker/programming for graduate and professional student body

vi. PAG Chair:

   a. Review and allocate professional advancement grants according to guidelines set by the Senate for
      GPSS awards and scholarships.

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

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

   i. All members of or incoming Senate who have served or are currently serving as a Senator are eligible to
      serve as Executive Council members.
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).

The Senate may recall, if necessary, any of the members of the Executive Council by a two-thirds vote of elected senators. Election of a new Executive Council member shall proceed through special election procedures.

Meetings. The President shall call meetings of the Executive Council at the request of any member of the Council or as is necessary. These meetings will be advertised appropriately before the council meeting. Each member of the Executive Council shall have one vote.

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.
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 the Chair for the Finance Committee. In addition, the Finance Committee will:

1. Compose a bill of guidelines for regular and special allocations during the spring semester to be used for the following year.
2. Notify the senate of any changes to the guidelines due to current circumstances.

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 of the Rules Committee.

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:

1. Supervises elections of Senators and Executive Council members.
2. Supervises special elections needed to fill vacancies.
3. Maintains a record of attendance at all Senate sessions and notifies Senators as well as their departments or professional programs of their nonattendance.

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.

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:

1. Advocating graduate and professional student concerns to local, state, and federal officials.
2. Monitoring governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students.
3. Coordinating Senate actions to influence public policy on graduate and professional student concerns.
4. Recruit graduate and professional students to serve on University Committees.
5. Serving as an investigative committee for the Senate when the occasion arises.
6. Work closely with the Senators-at-large to GSB on issues that concern both Senates.
7. Serve as a liaison to the GPSS regarding Board of Regents activities.

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 review GPSS awards and scholarships.
2. Other Committees. The Senate may establish such other standing or temporary ad hoc committees as its business requires.

3. Committee Chairpersons. All committees including University Relations and Legislative Affairs and 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 one.

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 in the occasion of law or University policy violations.
   iv. Attend annual Advisor's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.
   v. Sign all expenditures made by the organization.

2. Selection. The Adviser shall be selected through consultation between the President of the Senate, and the Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of the Senior Vice President and 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 quorum of the Senate. Selection of a new advisor shall proceed through procedures outlined in Article IV, paragraph 2.

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 VII. 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.

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.

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.