Meeting Notes  
Monday, March 31, 2013  
7:00 PM  
South Ballroom, Memorial Union

I. Call to order 7:10 P.M.  
a. Roll Call – 70.27 % MET  
b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker  
c. Approval of the Minutes  
   i. APPROVED  
d. Amendments to the Agenda:  
   i. Senator Lois: Add SB-S14-05 to Old Business  
   ii. APPROVED

II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions  
a. Senate Bill S14-06 – Amending the GPSS Constitution  
b. Senate Bill S14-07 – Amending the GPSS By-laws  
c. Senate Bill S14-08 – Spring 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Allocations

III. Open Forum  
a. President Steven Leath  
   i. “Thank you” for your hard work, especially to the leaders.  
   ii. The state of ISU is good  
      1. Higher enrollment (both undergraduate and graduate)  
      2. Grad Students increased by ~100  
      3. International Students >22% of student body – pleased with interest in ISU across the world and many disciplines.  
      4. Promised to hire new faculty (+200 in 3 years)  
      5. So far, have hired 140, with 100 advertised openings  
      6. Not just in one specific area, across the University  
      7. Hope to take pressure off of faculty, reduce student to faculty ratio  
      8. Only University to cut administration and hire faculty  
      9. Tough year last year with funding  
     10. This year, on track to have the second largest quantity of grant funding in school history.  
     11. Governor plans to increase budget by 4%  
     12. Private fundraising
13. Part of the reason legislature is increasing funding is a commitment on our part to help reduce our costs – raised $75 million toward $150 million goal for scholarship funds.

iii. Regents task force
1. Iowa State only receives 36% of proposed funding, when 40% stated by state legislature. Proposed to increase to levels stated by legislature – would be the single largest increase in University funding.

iv. Wants to increase efficiency : Any money found through increasing efficiency stays on campus.

v. Athletics : Student Athletes are graduating, have better GPA than student body

vi. Housing
1. Rapid undergraduate expansion has caused a housing shortage
2. Frederickson Court – 700 new beds
3. Permission to add 700 new beds at Buchannan
4. Breckinridge Apts – 800 at old middle school
5. Opus – new apartments across from Lake Laverne
6. The shortage is there, but the community is catching up.

vii. Dining – complaints of overcrowded facilities
1. Efficiency improvement – new modern facility is coming
2. Hub is looking to be expanded
3. Global Café in Curtis

viii. Wireless Technology - complaints
1. Proud of University response – upgrading wireless hardware (100 to 900 Mbps)
2. Wireless capacity will increase by 2000% in near future.

ix. Funding for Graduate Students
1. Number of Assistantships : 3000 positions funded, now up to 3,600. Hope to increase substantially in next few years.
2. Stipends - Next year $1,700 a month (minimums)

x. City Council – GSB having a City Council representative, Graduate students do not have one.
1. Suggests invitation of mayor, city council member to our meetings
2. Can always elect graduate student to city council.

xi. Summary
   1. Things are good!
   2. Biggest challenge is to meet needs of students in attendance
   3. Nobody expected this kind of growth, but it’s a good place to be in.

b. Discussion:
   i. Wellness Director – what has happened on this front?
   New HR head has recently hired a new Wellness Director.
   ii. What faculty unions, student unions etc. have been involved in the efficiency review?
   Nobody as of yet, regents have assured me that this process will be open and efficient. There will be plenty of review once this information comes out.
   iii. CIO Mukherjee - super computer/big data - our super computer has fallen out of the top tier of big data hardware. Are there any plans to improve this?
   Have hired new person to address needs of big data. Plans will be developed once she takes her position.
   iv. Iowa State Center – construction.
   Approach by Ames to renovate conference center – agreed to put 19 million dollars if Ames did the same. There are no plans by us to enlarge Scheman currently. That said, it’s tired – looking to renovating that space.
   v. Senator Rakitan – Housing breakdown?
   The two new facilities (Fredrickson and Buchannan) have accommodated about half of need.
   vi. Campustown project – plethora of bars and tattoo parlors, dearth of everything else. Alumni (Dave Kingland) helped organize partners, a new dorm will be constructed in this area, everything west of Jeff’s Pizza will be brought down. First floor of each facility will be retail. University had to agree to take much of that space to make this work. Will help congestion on central, main campus. 18 months, area will look very different.
   vii. Senator Hollis – BBQ joint is gone?
   I didn’t say that, but yes it is.
   viii. Senator Anderson – ethnic foods, any talk of expansion?
   Don’t know
   ix. President Prisacari – Thanks President Leath and his office for listening and their aid throughout the year.
IV. Senate Forum
   a. Senator Rakitan
      i. Update on GPSS/GSB Joint Fee Committee
      ii. Student Activity Fee – Largest Income for GPSS
      iii. Currently the split is 50/50 of all SAF derived from Graduate Students
      iv. Categorized spending as overhead or discretionary
      v. Overhead – yearly fixed costs
      vi. GSB Overhead affects all students
      vii. Discretionary – Allocations, etc.,

V. Remarks and Reports
   a. Report of the President – President Prisacari
      i. MU Student Advisory Committee – need 3 students who will be here in the summer
      ii. Graduate Student Climate Survey – please fill it out
      iii. Tomorrow’s seminar - 166 people have registered, 94 are grad/prof. students.
      iv. GSB 2014 elections, student participation by numbers:
         1. 2012 – 12 grad/prof. students
         2. 2013 – 22 grad/prof. students
         3. 2014 – 34 grad/prof. students
         4. 2014: 9 write-ins. At this time, we have 2 GSB Senators at Large.
         5. 2014: 3076 total student participation
   v. GPSS Conference – 236 people have registered so far
   vi. Health insurance:
      1. Post-docs are moving from student to employee health plans
      2. Students will see a slight increase in health insurance
   vii. GPSS February Panel
      1. Thank you everyone for attending and helping us to promote the event. We had about 85 students in attendance.
      2. Next events:
         a. GPSS Conference
         b. Financial Clinic (lunch will be provided)
   viii. GPSS Conference
      1. 185 student submissions! We only anticipated up to 100.
      2. We need more help on the day of the conference. Please consider coming and helping us for 1h. Contact Vy to sign-up for 1h: vynguyen@iastate.edu
   ix. Senator Elections
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate & Professional Student Senate

1. Please remind your departments/programs to elect 2014-2015 senators by April 21st.
2. Invite 2014-2015 senators to our next and last Senate meeting on Monday, April 21st.

x. Childcare
1. ISU offers childcare at three locations. The capacity of all three locations is 232.
2. There is currently a waiting list of about 450 children for childcare now. However, some of the requests may be duplicated as parents may sign up at all three locations at once.
3. To meet the demand, there is a conversation taking place this month to possibly open a new location at the Research Park.
4. University Human Resources is considering to initiate a support group for all parents. Parents will be contacted soon.

xi. Fall 2014 Student Enrollment
1. ISU projects enrollment to continue grow.
2. In February 2014, the Board of Regents granted permission to plan construction of a new residence hall and a dining renovation in Friley Hall.

xii. 2014-2015 Graduate College Emerging Leader Academy
1. Nominations are due April 15th, 2014.
2. More information can be found: [http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/current/professional_development/writing_seminars/leaders_academy.php](http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/current/professional_development/writing_seminars/leaders_academy.php)

xiii. ISU recently hired a Wellness Awareness coordinator. She will start on April 15th. This person will be responsible to investigate and promote ISU healthy living.

xiv. Public Forum
1. President Leath encourages everyone to attend this forum. Topic of discussion: how ISU can better serve its students, faculty, and staff by maximizing its resources, improving efficiencies, and containing rising costs?
2. Tuesday, April 1st, 10am, in the Howe Hall auditorium.

xv. Purchase of parking permits
1. Any grad student that qualifies as a 1/2C or above pay base may go online to purchase a commuter-parking permit for lots 29, 68 and 119 on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 9am.
2. In town commuters can purchase a commuter permit beginning August 5, 2014.
**Change in parking fees**

1. Illegal parking changed from $30 to $40
2. Parking without an appropriate permit in a reserved lot or space changed from $25 to $30
3. Additional changes in campus parking rates
4. Additional changes in MU Parking rates
5. Additional revenue will be used for renovations and maintenance

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Commuter parking at the Iowa State Center and the CyRide Orange Route shuttle remain free.
b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Tlach
   i. Graduate/Professional Student Social at Perfect Games: Friday April 4th 2014 7:00-9:00 PM.
   ii. Review of Constitution / By-laws is done
   iii. Review of Standing Rules will take place in April

c. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
   i. URLA Chair Kleinheksel resigned as Treasurer Elect and nominated himself for PAF Chair
   ii. Senator Rakitan resigned as URLA Chair and nominated himself for Treasurer
   iii. April meeting to elect Treasurer, URLA Chair and PAF Chair
   iv. Please nominate yourself / others.
   v. Results of the Poll for Career Fair attached. 87% students supported the idea.
   vi. GSB has supported us by passing Resolution supporting a Graduate and Professional Career Fair.

d. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
   i. Allocations: The Allocations deadline has passed and the bill is up for passage and will be presented during the March meeting. Overall the participation was excellent! We received 39 applications total, bringing our total Allocations requests to 50 on the year (10 more total than last year). Finance Committee met and made their recommendation. Requests totaled >$27,000, but once the guidelines were applied, Finance Committee found $18,722 of allowable funding. Total funding provided to student organizations for FY2014 will be $25,331.15 assuming passage of the Spring Allocations Bill.
   ii. Several organizations were “denied” funding, or their funding was reduced for the following reasons:
      1. Organizations were requesting funds for social events with no academic component, which are not deemed fundable by current allocations guidelines.
      2. Funding requested would otherwise be covered by PAGs.
      3. Several organizations retained GPSS funding from prior years. These organizations are asked to spend their current funding down on items approved either by the Finance Committee or the GPSS Treasurer.
   iii. Allocation Revisions: Due to the extraordinary quantity of applications
received, Finance Committee and the Treasurer have yet to meet with the express purpose of revising the guidelines. Several ideas have been put forth and are up for consideration. Please let me, or a member of the Finance Committee know if you have certain changes you would like to see made.

iv. GPSS/GSB Student Fees ratio discussion: This committee has come to a conclusion regarding the current GPSS/GSB Student Fee ratio split. Senator Rakitan will discuss this during Open Forum of the March meeting.

v. Finances/Budget – No updates.

vi. Please email me if you have any questions/concerns (GPSSTreasurer@iastate.edu)

e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Kleinheksel

i. Financial Counselling Clinic Lunch Seminar
   Oak Room, ISU Memorial Union
   Wednesday, April 16th @ 12:00pm
   Primary seminar topic: "Comparing job offers"
   Secondary topics: "purchasing homes/mortgage loans",
   "investing/retirement plans" "private and federal student loan repayment"
   "tax planning (incoming taxes, tax deductions and credits)"
   Free lunch will be provided sponsored by GPSS at 11:30 AM.
   Please RSVP (http://goo.gl/dNFhvm) so that we can estimate head count!

ii. BFAC Meeting:
   1. Committee members had prioritized University Budget items,
      starting with public safety spending (dispatch, officers), Risk
      Management staffing, space scheduling/management (hire an extra
      planner), EH&S safety training for students (as requested by
      departments), and custodial/grounds staff as the highest priority.
   2. Of issues most immediately relevant to the grad student
      population, child care support (for on-campus childcare provision)
      was listed in 3rd priority (of 4 tiers, 1=high, 4=low); also, the
      campus may be looking at expanding onto the block defined by
      Sheldon Ave, N Hyland Ave and West St., but no timeline was
      given.
   3. The Regents are currently discussing inter-university cash
      transfers, with ISU likely on the receiving end (this from VP
      Madden). No word on new State funding for the colleges yet.

iii. VEISHEA sought input on how to best connect and market to graduate students.
f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
   i. PAG funds still available for approximately 40 applications.
   ii. Please encourage constituents to email if they have not yet received PAG funds.
   iii. Peer teaching and research award applications received.
g. Report of the GSB Senator-at Large
   i. None

VI. Old Business
a. SB-S14-05
   i. Bill Read by Senator Lois
   ii. Allow apply any time
   iii. Change $200 to $150
   iv. Simpler and good for Vet Med
   v. Discussion:
      1. A person with priority 2 can receive in one month and a priority 1 not in another
      2. Apply only once?
      3. What if I only have a specific conference of interest?
      4. Keep it similar to current method of only once and not increase random drawing benefit
      5. When should someone apply? Early or later? Which is better?
      6. Suggesting to apply as soon as possible
      7. But what about peaks that would result in Priority 2 receiving and Priority 1 not
      8. Can we know when others apply? I want to apply during the lowest application month
      9. Think about from our constituent shoes, how can we make this so they can understand why #2 got it when another month #1 did not
   10. Concerns (email)
      a. Conferences bunch up by month
      b. Need to be registered during the summer
         i. Fall comes from fall fees, spring same, so summer should be
         ii. What about the work they did during the fall / spring that is being presented during the summer
iii. PAG chairs in the past denied such applications in the past

11. Are there peaks in the Application?
   a. No pattern, peak months August, October, March

12. Amendment to allow spring enrollment and not graduated receive PAG in summer

13. VOTE on Amendment:
   a. YES : 96%
   b. NO : 2%
   c. ABSTAIN : 2%
   d. PASSED

14. PAF name is disliked

15. Suggestion to send back to committee rather than pass a bill that we don’t fully agree
   a. There has been enough time to talk to constituents

16. Call to Question - Objected

17. VOTE on Call to Question:
   a. YES : 65%
   b. NO : 31%
   c. ABSTAIN : 4%
   d. PASSED

18. VOTE
   a. YES : 64%
   b. NO : 36%
   c. ABSTAIN : 0%
   d. PASSED

VII. New Business
   a. Senate Bill S14-06 – Amending the GPSS Constitution
      i. Bill Read
      ii. Each GSB Graduate Senator will have 1 vote in the Senate
      iii. Treasurer higher seniority than CIO
      iv. Only seated senators need attend summer sessions
      v. Changing Exec duties
      vi. Broaden who can be an exec
      vii. Empower committee chairs
      viii. Add new standing committees
ix. Amendment to make URLA Chair Co-Chair of GPSRC

x. VOTE on Amendment:
   1. YES : 85%
   2. NO : 9%
   3. ABSTAIN : 6%
   4. PASSED

xi. VOTE:
   1. YES : 91%
   2. NO : 9%
   3. ABSTAIN : 0%
   4. PASSED

b. Senate Bill S14-07 – Amending the GPSS By-Laws
   i. Bill Read
   ii. Vice President Tlach points out to the change in process of dealing Budget bills where the Senate can now make simple amendments.
   iii. Senator Hollis: What does simple amendment mean?
   iv. Senator Zenko: left open as currently debate will be limited to 10 minutes and call to question. The rationale for this it gave power back to the senate, provides a simple tool to senate to make that simple fix. It has the ability to still get the bill back to the committee.
   v. Senator Hollis: if the finance committee feels that the amendment is simple then the changes can be approved and can get passed.
   vi. 4 minutes to technically decide if we want to extend the debate
   vii. What constitutes simple, can you give examples?
   viii. If not simple, the finance committee members can make a motion that this amendment is not simple and will go back to the committee
   ix. CIO Mukherjee – 2/3 of Senate has to agree
   x. Senator Lois: This amendment is being discussed for more than 4 minutes, its motion to strike through line c
   xi. VOTE:
      1. YES : 58%
      2. NO : 42%
      3. ABSTAIN : 0%
      4. PASSED
   xii. What is the “primarily” mean in context of allocations and student groups?
   xiii. Senator Santos: Student group leaders can get member list for ISU Website.
xiv. Motion to amend By-laws so that general allocations is available to student groups that “primarily” consist of graduate students

xv. VOTE:
   1. YES : 90%
   2. NO : 2%
   3. ABSTAIN : 8%
   4. PASSED

xvi. Senator Jaramillo: PAG to PAF friendly amendments

xvii. Call to question

xviii. VOTE:
   1. YES : 100%
   2. NO : 0%
   3. ABSTAIN : 0%
   4. PASSED

c. Senate Bill S14-08 – Spring 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Allocations
   i. Read by Senator Ramezani
   ii. Motion to move the excess money to PAF at the discretion of the PAF Chair
   iii. Senator Zenko : I recommend to move excess to Wakonse
   iv. Senator Anderson – there was a lot of disagreement regarding Wakonse. I propose to allocate $2,500 to Wakonse and the remaining of surplus to go to PAF.
   v. Senator Lois – amendment to sponsor 10 students
   vi. President Prisacari – there is an additional cost associated with Wakonse candidates. CELT covers lunches and transportation for all participants.
   vii. PAG Chair Diddi – we are discussing the cost of CELT. We first need to consult CELT if it can accommodate more students.
   viii. VOTE on Amendment to send 10 students to Wakonse Vote
      1. YES : 35%
      2. NO : 65%
      3. ABSTAIN : 0%
      4. FAILED
   ix. VOTE on Amendment to allocate additional $2500 to Wakonse Vote
      1. YES : 70%
      2. NO : 30%
Executive Elections (2014 – 2015)

i. President

1. Candidate : CIO Mukherjee
   Keep GPSS Holistic – not partial to few things – the more ways we can reach out to students, the better we can serve them. Help whoever is interested in technical aspects of GPSS (clickers, etc.) along. Encourage General Allocations funding. Career Fair – want to encourage organization to arrange for it. Need to create ISSO accountability.


3. VOTE:
   a. YES : 88%
   b. NO : 8%
   c. ABSTAIN : 4%

4. CIO Mukherjee is President Elect

ii. Vice-President

1. Candidate : Senator Zenko
   Senator for 2 years, have been involved in every facet of GPSS with exception of Finance Committee. Has helped lead the GPSSRC. Interested in position last year, was nominated for President by current President Prisacari, felt like VP was a better fit. Will work well with President Elect.

2. Candidate : Senator Lois
   I want to chair senate meeting, I can make meetings run smoother,
faster and overall, better. Is knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure. Has had influence over current meeting structure.

3. Questions:
   a. To Senator Zenko: What do you mean by good job of Vice-President?
      Already clarified
   b. PAF Chair Diddi to Senator Lois – In your speech, you said you’d like to efficiently run the meetings. What else would you want to accomplish?
      That is ultimately the goal. I had to volunteer for my Senator’s position due to reputation of GPSS meetings, a lot of this falls to the chair.
   c. Senator Ramezani to Senator Lois - What have you done in your role as a Senator?
      PAF Bill (authored), served on all the major standing committees this year.

4. Discussion:
   a. Senator Helmich – Supports senator Lois due to goals and delegated responsibilities of the VP.
   b. PAG Chair Diddi - Supports senator Zenko due to involvement with GPSS RC and past volunteering.
   c. Senator Hollis – Lois is very well versed in parliamentary procedure.
   d. Senator Rakitan – Knows Lois from serving on several committees, knows Lois has been polarizing figure, but he is very capable and also very capable of compromise and holding tongue.
   e. CIO Mukherjee - CIO – Vote who is the better character in terms of relationship ability with administration. Both candidates are qualified.
   f. President Prisacari – need someone who can help show a unified front.
   g. Senator Santos to CIO Mukherjee – Who do you prefer to work with?
      No preference. But Senator Zenko will be better with administration relationship building.

5. VOTE :
   a. Senator Zenko : 69%
b. Senator Lois: 31%
c. Abstain: 0%

6. Senator Zenko is Vice-President Elect

iii. CIO
1. Candidate: Senator Singh
   Technical Background – have been working with Arko to help bring PAG online.
2. Senator Ramezani nominated URLA Chair Kleinheksel – declines.
3. Questions: Senator Zenko – When can we expect PAG online
   Expect by Fall
4. VOTE
   a. YES: 93%
   b. NO: 7%
   c. ABSTAIN: 0%
5. Senator Singh is CIO Elect

iv. Treasurer
1. Candidate: CIO Mukherjee nominates URLA Chair Kleinheksel
   Role requires good knowledge of Finances, as well as guiding Senate Discussion, etc
2. Candidate: Senator Rakitan
   Service on Finance Committee, was an integral part of the budget proposal, part of BFAC committee, Joint Fee committee resolution was largely guided by my input. Will not hold opinion, or agenda, but will help guide senate as to how to make things happen.
3. Discussion:
   a. CIO Mukherjee: Nominated URLA Chair Kleinheksel as technical help is needed to port finance forms online.
   b. Senator Ramezani – Senator Rakitan has had significant experience on the committee this year.
4. VOTE
   a. Senator Rakitan: 50%
   b. URLA Chair Kleinheksel: 50%
   c. ABSTAIN: 0%
   d. Senator Goswami – motion to reconsider
5. VOTE on motion
   a. YES: 81%
   b. No: 19%
6. Revote
   a. Senator Rakitan : 49%
   b. URLA Chair Kleinheksel : 49%
   c. ABSTAIN : 2%

7. URLA Chair Kleinheksel is Treasurer Elect by tie-break by CIO Mukherjee

v. URLA Chair
   1. Vice-President Tlach nominates Senator Rakitan – declines.
   2. Senator Zenko nominates Senator Pritchard – declines
   3. Senator Rakitan volunteers
   4. Candidate : Senator Rakitan
   5. VOTE :
      a. YES : 96%
      b. NO : 2%
      c. ABSTAIN : 2%
   6. Senator Rakitan is URLA Chair Elect

vi. PAF Chair
   1. CIO Mukherjee nominates Senator Lois – declines
   2. Senator Ramezani – declines
   3. Senator Jaramillo nominates Senator Mantilla Perez – declines
   4. Vice President Tlach nominates Senator White – declines
   5. Mantilla Perez – nominates President Prisacari – declines
   6. PAF Chair elections to be held in April.

VIII. Announcements
IX. Adjournment @ 12:10 am
X. Voting Record
   b. http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/13-14/March/Vote/Participant.html