Monday, February 23rd, 2015
Physics 003 – Physics Hall

I. Call to Order 7:00 PM
   i. Roll Call
   ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
   iii. Approval of Meeting Notes
   iv. Amendments to the agenda

II. Introduction of New Bills and Resolutions
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   ii. Senate Bill S15-01 – Funding the GPSS Spring Social
   iii. Senate Bill S15-02 – Revising the GPSS Constitution
   iv. Senate Bill S15-03 – Revising the GPSS By-Laws
   v. Senate Bill S15-04 – Revising the GPSS Standing Rules
   vi. Senate Bill S15-05 – Making Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) a regular member of National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)
   vii. Senate Bill S15-06 – Increase in the Amount Requested for Regular Allocation
   viii. Senate Bill S15-07 – Graduate and Professional Student (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

III. Open Forum
   i. Roberta Johnson, Director of Financial Aid
   ii. Hillary Kletscher, GSB President & GSB Candidates

IV. Senate Forum

V. Remarks and Reports
   i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
   ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko
   iii. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan
   v. Report of the URLA Chair and URLA Committee – URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami
   vi. Report of the PAF Chair and the PAF Committee – PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel
   vii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large
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VI. Unfinished Business
   i. None

VII. New Business
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VIII. Announcements
IX. Adjournment
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 26th 2015; 7:00 PM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

X. Call to Order 7:10 PM
  i. Roll Call
  ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
  iii. Approval of Meeting Notes – approved by unanimous consent
  iv. Amendments to the agenda Announcement by Sen Anderson
      i. Added announcement by Senator Anderson to the agenda

XI. Introduction of New Bills and Resolutions
  i. None

XII. Open Forum
  i. Christopher Nelson (English) and Elena Cotos (Graduate College)
     i. Nelson announced that Elena could not make it for the meeting.
     ii. Talked about the Scholarly Communication Center.
     iii. Encouraged the senators to reach out to him and contact him at ccnelson@iastate.edu
  iv. Q&A:
     1. PAG Chair "Can you share your presentation, so we can share it out to students?" Yes!
     2. Senator Tripathy "I arrived late, What was your presentation about?" (Brief overview given)
     3. Senator Anderson "Can students outside of the targeted 4 departments use these resources?" Anyone can use the General Writing help, but the other peer help is restricted at this time and will be opened broader next fall.
     4. Dr. Olgivie "For those students representing departments outside of the targeted 4, please go back to your departments and encourage them to participate in the future by funding the student consulting positions!"
     5. Senator Figueroa "What must a graduate student do to prepare, if they wanted to be a writing consultant" Students can apply to ACP, those selected will receive crash courses in genre theory and tutoring theory. Training will continue throughout the semester and then decrease to 1hr per 9hr of tutoring in the second semester. Consultants receive 9-month appointments.
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XIII. Senate Forum
   i. GPSRC Co-Chairs, Ruchir Goswami and Misty Spencer
      i. Presentation attached at the end
      ii. Q&A:
         1. Senator Tripathy "My department already has this event where students present posters. Faculty encourage participation, maybe they also should encourage presenting at this as well?" Yes! Please speak with professor and have them encourage students to participate. It is alright if the information is presented in multiple venues, we do not restrict to only original work.
         2. Senator Perez "Last year posters had to be a specific size, will it be restricted the same this year?" Yes, there will be a specific poster size that all need to be printed.
         3. Senator Prisacari "Will we have social bowling again this year?" Yes, the Vice-President is in charge of planning that social again this year!

XIV. Remarks and Reports
   i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
      i. Welcome back! I am excited to be able to work with all of you and make sure we have a productive Spring semester. We have lots of events coming up and I ask your help to make sure they are successful.
      ii. Spring orientation for incoming graduate students was on Monday January 26, 2015 before senate meeting. I gave be giving a small presentation to welcome incoming students.
      iii. Senators are strongly urged to attend and advertise the GPSS Professional Development seminar by Adam Schwartz, Director, Ames Lab on February 18th.
      iv. Research Conference
         1. Need volunteers to help us on the day of conference. Please join the team!
         2. Each senator please commit to bring at least 2 abstracts
   v. Karin Lawton-Dunn joined as the Graduate Career Services coordinator.
   vi. The Executive Council met Dr. Wickert (SVP Academic Affairs) and Dr. Hill (SVP Student Affairs). Multiple issues were discussed including:
      1. Conflict management
      2. Travel funding
      3. Better management of senate meetings
      4. Dr. Wickert suggested bills to pass committees before coming to senate floor to more efficient meetings
      5. Dr. Hill is helping us student well being among other things
   vii. Roberta Johnson, Director of Student Financial Aid to replace Michelle Hendricks (Director of Thielen Student Health Center and GPSS Advisor) who resigned from Iowa State University. GPSS Senate needs to appoint her in
February meeting. She will be coming to that meeting as our guest during Open Forum before she is voted to be our advisor.

viii. We will have Exec elections in two months. Please consider running for the various Exec positions or nominate others.

ix. Senators need to connect with constituents better. Urge to do at least monthly office hours for constituents to come and ask questions or give feedback.

tax. Invision Architect’s Architectural Feasibility was presented in the MU Board of Directors meeting. There is discussion about discontinuation of the Hotel. Among other things, a new service elevator is planned as is more office spaces for student orgs. A 1000 capacity auditorium was also discussed.

xi. Execs agreed that it would be a good idea to raise the allocation ceiling from $800/- to $1000/- as a part of the Allocation Guidelines revision process.

xii. I urge you to participate in the budget process for next year. This is because the budget defines our priorities and hence a proper discussion is critical.

xiii. The execs are suggesting an increase in the number of executive position as a part of the Constitution revision.

ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko

i. If you’re interested in meeting to discuss legislation related to the constitution, standing rules, and by-laws, please let me know after the meeting or by e-mail. The goal is to have this legislation completed by the February meeting.

ii. Considering adding an executive position. Input and authors are needed.

iii. Spring social will be April 3rd, 2014. Social committee can expect e-mails. If you’d like to be part of the social committee, let me know.

iii. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan

i. Approx $520 left for socials this semester - how shall we use the money?

ii. Regular Allocations process beginning next week

iii. Regular Allocations amounts: $800

iv. Examples of what we fund: speakers, within-department seminars, journal clubs, job/networking seminars, symposia, trips for scholarly/professional development purposes, and extra-curricular labs.

v. Budget - draft of new budget presented this meeting (see appendix); your feedback would be appreciated. What are we missing? What should we modify? Now’s your chance to let us know!
vi. Regular Allocations Guidelines - we'll bring a draft and solicit your feedback in February, comments through March--FC is aiming for a bill in March or April.

   i. Iowa State University has a new CIO – Dr. Jim Kurtenbach. We had our first meeting with Dr. KurtenBach in December and will continue to develop a relationship with ITS under Dr. Kurtenbach.
   ii. Senator nomination will go online from this year. Request for senator nominations will go out in the first week of February.
   iii. Nomination for GPSS Exec elections for academic year 2015-16 starts Feb and elections in March.

v. Report of the URLA Chair and URLA Committee – URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami
   i. Need Graduate student representation for the following committees:

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   ii. First Professional Development Seminar for the Spring Semester:

   Date: Wednesday, Feb 18th, 2015
   Time: 5:15 PM
   Speaker: Dr. Adam Schwartz, Director, Ames Lab

   iii. GPSS Research Conference:

   1. Events Planned:

   a. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Peter Freeman,
      Founding Dean of Georgia Tech’s College of Computing,
      Former Assistant Director, National Science Foundation (NSF)
   b. Closing Speaker: Dr. Adam Ruben, Microbiologist and Humorist
Author of ‘Surviving Your Stupid, Stupid Decision to Go to Grad School’

c. Workshops:
   i. How to Write an Excellent Research or Teaching Statement?
   ii. Negotiating Your First Faculty Job Offer
   iii. How to get a job in industry?

d. Poster presentation

e. Oral Presentations

f. 3 Minute Thesis

2. **Total Abstracts Submitted: 9**

3. Need volunteers for the day of the event, i.e. 2\textsuperscript{nd} April.

vi. **Report of the PAF Chair and the PAF Committee** – PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel

   i. Spring 2015 PAGs application awarding is underway. As always, the demand appears to be high and potentially the supply low, please encourage all students to apply early and not to wait. Continued areas for improvements to the online application, as well as automation are being implemented.

   ii. **Margaret Ellen White Graduate Faculty Award** review was completed by the PAG committee. Selected nominees were forwarded onto the Graduate College for further review and final selection. Those moving on were

   a. Joel Coats (ENT)
   b. Ana-Paula Correia (SoE)
   c. Vikram Dalal (ECpE)
   d. Kurt Hebert (CBE)
   e. Robyn Lutz (COMS)
   f. John Tyndall (NREM)

   All of the nominations were exceptional faculty members and it was truly hard to make the selections. The following nominees deserve an honorable mention and I hope that they will be nominated again in the future. Keep up the great work!

   a. Carl Chang (COMS)
   b. Stephanie Madon (PSYCH)
   c. Emily Smith (CHEM)
   d. Srikanta Tirthapura (ECpE)
   e. R. Christopher Williams (CCEE)
   f. Hongwei Xin (ABE)

   iii. GPSS Leadership, Research, and Teaching Award nominations are due March 1\textsuperscript{st}. The website (http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/students/pag/awards.php) has
be updated and applications posted. Please encourage students, faculty, staff, student organizations, etc. to nominate their best for these awards. Those selected will receive a certificate from GPSS honoring their achievements.

iv. GPSS PAG Committee has another exciting semester with the prior mentioned awards and overseeing the implementation of the newly enacted PAG policies and procedures. If you are interested in being on the committee, please email the PAG Chair gpsspag@iastate.edu

vii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large

**GSB Student Outreach via Library**

An opportunity for GPSS to 1) Extend cooperation with GSB senators, 2) reach graduate students, and to 3) provide graduate students a specific location and time to interact with GPSS senators. At least one Senator at Large will be available every week.

XV. Unfinished Business

i. None

XVI. New Business

i. None

XVII. Announcements

i. Sen Anderson: Dean Library Search committee: On campus interview last week of April

ii. Sen Priscari: Doing presentation for How to write Abstracts effectively next week.

iii. GPSS CIO: Please place your placates in the correct order

XVIII. Adjournment – at 9:05 PM

APPENDIX

i. GPSRC 2015 Slides

ii. GPSS FY2016 Projected Budget (January Meeting)
Remarks and Reports

President’s Report

1. The Execs will meet administrators from graduate college over lunch on February 27th.
2. I will meet new Board of Regents Member Sherry Bates over lunch on February 17th. Will update her about graduate student issues. Specially remind her that graduate tuition should rise / freeze at same rate as undergraduate tuition.
3. Went to Faculty Senate with Senator Spencer to promote research conference.
4. I am taking Karin Lawton-Dunn to different University administrators. Helping her to set her office.
5. Please consider running for one of the exec positions.
6. GSB elections are on March 3rd / 4th. Please vote.
7. Please consider volunteering for research conference.

Vice President’s Report

1. The Rules Committee met and had much e-mail exchanged to discuss the proposed revisions to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. Obviously, since the legislation came from the Rules Committee, the Rules Committee finds it favorable. Many suggestions came from the Executive Council, who are slightly more intimate with the way the Senate functions and have input of ways to make it more efficient and effective.
2. Mother’s Pub Social update (February 19th at 5:30 PM)
3. I have requested that the Finance Committee comes up with legislation to fund the Spring Social, so that we can continue planning that. Otherwise, we are in a stalemate.

Treasurer’s Report

- Cost of socials – amount of social funds remaining
- State of FY 2015 GPSS budget
- Legislation presented at this meeting: findings of the Finance Committee
  - FY 2016 budget
  - Socials funding
    - Funds availability
    - Usefulness
    - Fiscal impact
  - Allocations limits
    - Funds availability – projected fiscal impact
Guidelines update
- Modifications to existing guidelines from Allocations limit bill
- Re-written guidelines: important changes

CIO’s Report

1. Senator Nomination form completed and sent to Departments.

2. Having meetings to find out if Wordpres migration of GPSS website is possible and my bandwidth will allow it. Seems like a good option for GPSS.

3. Meeting regarding design, social media for GPSS Website with Kathleen Harrison of Student Affairs Division.

URLA’s Report

1) Need Graduate student representation for the following committees:

All University Judiciary: 3
GSB Senator at-large: 1
University Affairs Committee http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/?page_id=357

2) Updates from Policy Library Advisory Committee. New policies for:
   a. Assistance Animals on Campus
   b. Unmanned Aircraft Operations
   c. Video Camera, Administrative use

3) GPSRC Updates:
   a. Workshop details:
      i. How to Write an Excellent Research or Teaching Statement? By:
         1. Linda Shenk
         2. Wolfgang H Kliemann
      ii. Negotiating your first Faculty Job Offer. By:
         1. Charles Kostelnick
         2. Dawn Bratsch-Prince
         3. Beate Schmittmann
         4. Carla Peterson
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b. Number of abstracts submitted so far: 40

PAG Report

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3) The Wakonse Conference on College Teaching brings together professors, graduate students, and undergraduates from all over the country for a long weekend of reaffirming passion for learning and teaching. ISU’s GPSS and CELT are offering room, board, travel, and conference registration fellowships to five graduate students. Applications are due March 1. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zyeVch6mq-S0Ju5zkuV2SFdxdFQBWgMKyTKhZ0dGhps/viewform#start=invite

4) Want to know what it takes to be the next GPSS PAG Chair? Excited about serving Graduate and Professional students? Want to get involved in GPSS? Please email the PAG Chair gpsspag@iastate.edu to find out more!

Senators-at-Large Report

GSB Goals

During the past month, GSB had met every Wednesday at 6:00 PM to define and discuss the short and long-term goals for the year. These include:

- Expand parking spaces, dining area, and the hub
- Control apartment prices in Ames
- Address complications with TAs that can’t communicate in English effectively
- Campus safety
All goals/issues were grouped as follows: Public Relations, Internal Business, Overcrowding/Infrastructure, Academics, Campus Safety, Diversity, and off campus (Words in italic are issues that might also affect graduate and professional students)

List of Existing Projects

A list of all existing projects in GSB can be found in:

http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/wordpress/executive/initiatives-overview

GSB Booth Reminder

All graduate and professional students are welcome to interact with fellow GSB Senators at the Library Booth.

Housing Resource Reminder

GSB contributed to the development of Rent Smart Ames. The website provides an online automated assistance to all students interested in evaluating housing options.


Work in Progress

The Senators at Large are in the process of identifying common goal/issues that overlap both GSB and GPSS. The idea is to communicate to the GPSS Senate issues identified by GSB and Feedback from GSPSS Senators is encouraged to update the document that “Articles of cooperation with GPSS document”
SENATE ORDER S15-01

TITLE: Installing Roberta Johnson as GPSS Co-Adviser

WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) typically has two advisers, and

WHEREAS: One adviser historically comes from Student Affairs, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS currently lacks an adviser from Student Affairs, and

WHEREAS: Roberta Johnson, Director of Financial Aid, is qualified to advise the GPSS and represent the needs of GPSS, be it therefore

ORDERED: Roberta Johnson becomes a new co-adviser of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate on this 23rd day of February, 2015.

Sponsors:

Anna Prisacari

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
Arko Provo Mukherjee, President            Zachary Zenko, Chair of the Senate
TITLE: Funding the GPSS Spring Social

WHEREAS: The Spring Social is an annual event that draws over 100 graduate and professional students, and

WHEREAS: The Vice President is Constitutionally obligated to organize the Spring Social, and

WHEREAS: The Vice President and Social Committee is prepared to organize the Spring Social, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS Spring Social funding for Spring 2015 was rolled into the 2015 GPSRC line item in the GPSS FY2015 budget, and

WHEREAS: The GPSRC budget is not finalized and awaits funding from various sources, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS Spring Social does not have its own line item within GPSRC, and

WHEREAS: Thus no funding has actually been allocated from the GPSRC budget for the Spring Social, and

WHEREAS: No progress in organizing the Spring Social can be made without a dedicated budget, and

WHEREAS: $1230.00 can be allotted from surplus funding to serve at least 150 graduate and professional students at the Spring Social, be it therefore

ENACTED: $1230.00 from the surplus funds shall be allocated to fund the Spring Social.

Sponsors:
CHAKRABORTY, A  FIGUEROA, A  HSU, C
SPENCER, M  TRIPATHY, A
TITLE: Revising the GPSS Constitution

WHEREAS: The Constitution is a fundamental governing document, and

WHEREAS: Updates are needed to be consistent with both Senate practice and Senate efficiency, and

WHEREAS: The duties and scope of the GPSS are expanding, and

WHEREAS: A revised Constitution is necessary to guide the future Senate, and

WHEREAS: Amendments to the Constitution must be voted on twice, and the votes must be at separate meetings, be it therefore

ENACTED: The GPSS Constitution be amended as attached.

Sponsors:
Anna Prisacari
Ardhendu Tripathy
Armando Figueroa

Arko Provo Mukherjee, President
Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate
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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 one-hundred (100) graduate or professional students enrolled with a maximum of four (4) Senators per department, where enrollment in a department, interdepartmental and professional program major is defined in http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/enrollment/statsmajor.

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. Senators must represent his or her own graduate department, interdepartmental, or professional program, with the exception of Senators-at-large.

3. Definitions
   i. Senators. A Senator is an elected representative registered in good standing with the Graduate College or any of the professional colleges 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. Officers of the Senate. The Officers of the Senate 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 in the occurrence of a tie.
      c. 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 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. Each graduate GSB senator will have one vote in the Senate.

4. Terms. Members of the Senate are elected by graduate or professional students 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, Treasurer, Chief Information Officer, University Relations and Legislative Affairs (URLA) Chair, and Professional Advancement Fund-Grant (PAG) Chair, and the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair. Henceforth, this order shall be known as the order of seniority.

6. Sessions. A scheduled meeting of the seated Senate

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. Summer sessions may be held at the discretion of the Executive Council for seated Senators who are 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 two percent (2%) 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.

vi. Each Senator holds at least one office hour per month to be available for constituents.
ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Membership. The Executive Council consists of the Senate officers.

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. Set agenda for GPSS Executive Council meetings.
   c. Preside over any general meetings of the graduate and professional student body.
   d. Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.
   e. Attend annual President’s training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.
   f. Coordinate and direct the activities of the operating committees as defined in article III.
   g. 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.
   h. Shall be seated on the Special Student Fee and Tuition Committee and the Memorial Union Board of Directors.
   i. 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.
   f. Reserve monthly meeting venue through university’s room reservation request.
   g. Invite and schedule Open Forum speakers for Senate meetings.
   h. Set the agenda including speakers, bills, reports of the Executive Council, and announcements for the GPSS meetings and send to Senators at least seven days prior to the Senate meeting.
   i. Organize fall graduate orientation, fall social, and spring social.

iii. 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.
   g. Shall be seated on the Special Student Fee and Tuition Committee.
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iv. 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. Be responsible for preparing and developing presentation for GPSS meetings and for accurate display during the GPSS meetings.
   g. Have a functional knowledge of GPSS rules and proceedings.
   h. Chair the **Elections Election and Operations** 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. Organize professional development activities or speaker/programming.
   c. Record meeting notes during GPSS meetings.
   d. Shall be seated on the Provost Budget Advisory Committee and Faculty Senate
   e. Represent GPSS on the Resource Management Model Student Affairs Advisory Committee.

vi. PAF PAG Chair:
   a. Review and allocate professional advancement funds according to guidelines set by the Senate GPSS awards and scholarships.
   b. Review nominations for all student awards in accordance with the guidelines of the Senate.
   c. Review all nominations for Margaret Ellen White Faculty award and forward top nominations to the Graduate College.

vii. The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Chair
   a. In charge of planning and executing the GPSRC.
   b. Chair of the GPSRC Committee.

3. The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be limited and defined by Article II, Section 3 to maintain division of power. Responsibilities may be temporarily modified at the discretion and consent of the Executive Council.

4. Terms. The term of office for Executive Council members shall expire upon the adjournment of the April session. **The newly elected Executive Council shall assume their responsibilities upon the adjournment of the April session**

5. Eligibility. The Executive Council members are elected by the Senate.

   i. All current or previous members of the Senate are eligible to serve as Executive Council members. In the occurrence that no previous or current Senators are willing to serve in a vacant Executive Council position(s), the Senate may nominate a graduate or professional student(s) providing they meet the requirements to serve on the Executive Council. **Graduate and Professional Student Senate**. All nominees who have not served or are not currently serving on GPSS must be approved by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
ii. Members of the Executive Council or nominees to be elected to the Executive Council must meet and maintain the following requirements throughout their term:

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.

iii. 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. Executive Council members may be impeached by a written presentation of charges, in the form of a Senate Order, sponsored by a minimum of 25% of the seated Senate. A vote to recall an impeached Executive Council member from office must be approved by two-thirds of a 60% quorum Senate. Election of a new Executive Council member shall proceed through special elections procedures.

6. 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.

7. 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. Membership. Permanent standing committees consist of Senators who volunteer at either the August or January Senate meetings. Any additional members that request to become part of the committee outside of these times must be approved by the chair of the committee. Committee members may be removed at the discretion of the chair due to lack of participation.

ii. Terms. The term of the members of the permanent standing committees shall expire upon adjournment of the April Senate Meeting.

iii. 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 serves as the
Chair for the Finance Committee. In addition, the Finance Committee will compose bills of guidelines for regular and special allocations during the spring semester to be used for the following year.

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 Chair of the Rules Committee.

Social Committee. The Social Committee organizes all social events of the GPSS. The Vice President serves as Chair of the Social Committee.

Elections Committee. The Elections and Operations 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 and Operations Committee, which:

- Supervises elections of Senators and Executive Council members.
- Supervises special elections needed to fill vacancies.
- Maintains a record of attendance at all Senate sessions and notifies Senators as well as their departments or professional programs of their nonattendance.
- Makes policy decisions on website design and content.
- Updates GPSS website and social media accounts.
- Designs all publicity materials for GPSS.
- Advises GPSS on processes to streamline and simplify Senate activities.

University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee. Questions regarding public and university policy on graduate and professional students shall be referred to this committee. The University Relations and Legislative Affairs chair is the chair of this committee, which:

- Advocates graduate and professional student concerns to local, state, and federal officials.
- Monitors governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students.
- Coordinates Senate actions to influence public policy on graduate and professional student concerns.
- Serves as an investigative committee for the Senate when the occasion arises.
- Works closely with the Senators-at-large to GSB on issues that concern both Senates.
- Serves as a liaison to the GPSS regarding Board of Regents activities.

Professional Advancement Fund Grant Committee. The Professional Advancement Fund Grant Chair is the chair of this committee and will work with a representative from the Graduate College for travel awards, and form a committee to review PGSS-GPSS awards and scholarships.

Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Committee. The Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Committee assists the GPSRC Chair in organizing and executing the annual Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference.

Operations and Marketing Committee. The Chief Information Officer is the chair of this committee, which:

- Makes policy decisions on website design and content.
- Updates GPSS website and social media accounts.
- Designs all publicity materials for GPSS.
Advises GPSS on processes to streamline and simplify Senate activities. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference (GPSRC) Committee. The Senate shall appoint the Chair of the committee. This committee is in charge of all planning and executing of the GPSRC. The URLA Chair will at least be the co-chair of this committee.

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

3. Committee Chairpersons. All 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 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, 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 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. By-laws
   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.
3. 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.
TITLE: Revising the GPSS By-Laws

WHEREAS: The By-Laws is a fundamental governing document, and

WHEREAS: Updates are needed to be consistent with both Senate practice and Senate efficiency, and

WHEREAS: Clarification of By-Laws is necessary to avoid confusion, and

WHEREAS: A revised set of By-Laws is necessary to guide the future Senate, be it therefore

ENACTED: The GPSS By-Laws be amended as attached.

Sponsors:
Anna Prisacari
Ardhendu Tripathy
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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President            Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate
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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

ARTICLE I. PROCEDURES OF THE SENATE

1. Elections. The Chief Information Officer shall:
   i. Call for Senator elections by the respective department, interdepartmental, and professional program by February 1 for Senators to be elected for the following term. Senators elected by the April Senate are invited to the April meeting to allow for a transition period for new incoming Senators.
   
   ii. Calculate the number of representatives allotted to each department according to the rules given in the Constitution and based upon the enrollment of graduate and eligible professional students for each department, interdepartmental, and professional program given by the University Registrar for the immediately previous fall semester. Any information used in this calculation must be made available to any interested parties upon request.

   iii. Be responsible for disseminating information of the number of Senators and time of election to all graduate and eligible professional students.

   iv. Investigate all complaints concerning elections which were registered by the last day of March. Each department, interdepartmental, or professional program will be responsible for their own elections, but is subject to review by the Elections Committee or Election and Operations Committee in response to complaints.

   v. Verify the proper election of Senators as they are received. An election is considered verified upon receipt of the proper verification in the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Office sent by the Department Chair, Graduate or Program Secretary, or other authorized department staffperson.

   vi. Be notified of any special elections held by departments.
2. Meeting rules

   i. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Senate shall operate in compliance with
      the GPSS Constitution, the GPSS By-laws, Robert’s Rules of Order, and the GPSS
      Standing Rules.

   ii. In the event of the Vice-President’s absence the presiding officer for the Senate
      session will be appointed by the President (or officer with the highest seniority) and is
      subject to a majority vote of the Senators in attendance.

   iii. A quorum shall consist of a majority of elected and verified Senators unless
        otherwise stipulated in the Constitution or By-laws. A quorum during the summer
        sessions shall consist of 35% of the elected and verified Senators.

   iv. No motion may be made nor a vote be binding unless a quorum is present with the
       exceptions of the motions to adjourn, fix a time to which to adjourn, recess, or modify
       the agenda.

   v. The proposed agenda for a session of the Senate shall be prepared and distributed no
      later than one week before the session. This agenda shall enumerate items to be
      discussed under Unfinished and New Business. Copies of bills, resolutions, and orders
      to be considered along with the previous meeting’s notes will be appended to the agenda.
      This agenda may be amended at the beginning of the meeting by a majority vote of the
      Senate.

   vi. The order of business shall be:
       a. Call to
          Order b. Roll
          Call
       c. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
       d. Approval of Meeting Notes
       e. Amendments to the agenda
       f. Open Forum
       g. Senate Forum
       h. Introduction of New
          Bills
       i. President’s RemarksReport of the President
       j. Rules Committee report
       Report of the Vice
       President——
k. Finance Committee report
l. Elections Committee report
m. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee report
n. Professional Advancement Committee report
o. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
q. Unfinished Business
r. New Business
s. Announcements
t. Adjournment

vii. The Open Forum and the Senate Forum shall follow normal Graduate and Professional Student Senate procedures with discussion directed from the chair, who will recognize each request from the Senate floor.


i. Budget development.
   a. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for preparing a preliminary budget proposal. This proposal shall be submitted to the Executive Council for review and comment no later than the January Executive Council meeting.
   b. The Treasurer will present the reviewed budget to the Senate at the January meeting. A discussion period will then follow with the Senate sitting as a committee of the whole, with the time for this discussion limited to fifteen minutes. Acting informally as a committee of the whole, the Senate can make suggestions to the finance committee for the final budget proposal.
   c. The budget proposal will be sent to the Finance Committee for consideration of suggestions from the January Senate meeting. The final budget proposal will be presented to the Senate for approval at the February meeting.
ii. Budget approval
   a. The Senate has three options available for consideration of the budget:
      1. Approval of original or amended budget proposal (simple majority).
      2. Rejection.
      3. Referral back to the finance committee with specific concerns.
   b. Friendly amendments to the budget are allowed.
   c. In the event of Senate rejection, the Finance Committee will prepare a new
      proposal for submission to the Senate by the March meeting.

iii. Budget Maintenance. Once a budget is approved for a given fiscal year, the
     Executive Council may approve any expenditures that are in accordance with that
     budget unless otherwise mandated.

iv. Allocations policies and procedures are official governing documents of the GPSS.

4. Allocations

i. Requirements for organizations requiring funds.
   a. The Organization shall be recognized by the Student Activities Center, including
      probationary status, as determined by the SORB, or recognized by an ACT of the
      Senate as providing service available to the University community.
   b. Social, religious, and political groups are not funded by GPSS.
   c. Products purchased through GPSS funds are considered property of GPSS and
      need to be returned upon request of the Senate.

ii. Regular Allocations
   a. Organizations that primarily benefit graduate and/or professional students qualify
      to apply for regular allocations.
   b. Qualified organizations may only received funding through regular allocations
      once per academic year.
   c. Requests for funding student conference attendance should be applied through a
      Professional Advanced Fund (PAF) and will not be considered through regular
      allocations.

iii. Special Allocations
   a. The primary beneficiaries of funding requested through special allocations must
      be graduate and/or professional students.
   b. Funding requests that are eligible for regular allocations, but are not submitted
      by the deadline should not be accepted for special allocations funding.
c. It is the responsibility of the recipient receiving GPSS funding to communicate to the Treasurer on how the money was spent and the treasure will report back to the Senate.

5. Delinquency, Resignation and Removal of Senators

i. Senators are required to attend all Senate meetings.
   a. Attendance is required from the beginning of Statement of Quorum through the end of adjournment. If a Senator is not present during this entire time, he or she may be counted absent unless prior arrangements have been made with the chair of the meeting. If a Senator must leave the meeting early, the Senator must notify the CIO and provide a reason before leaving the room.
   b. Two absences, without a substitute, from regular meetings shall warrant notification by the Elections Committee to the Senator in question, stating the rules of attendance and delinquency.
   c. Missing three regular meetings without a substitute during the entire academic year constitutes resignation.
   d. A substitute should be a graduate or professional student in the same department, interdepartmental, or professional program who is able to relay information back to the Senator’s program.

ii. Removal of a Senator from the Senate for misconduct or nonfeasance shall be carried out by a roll call vote requiring a two-thirds vote for approval. A resolution for removal may be brought to the floor only if it is in written form.

ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. Elections

   i. Election Procedures. The Chairperson of the Election and Operations Committee shall chair any election unless he or she is running for or elected to any Executive Council position for the upcoming academic year, in which case he or she shall delegate the chair during that election to a member of the Elections Committee not running for or not elected to any position on the new Executive Council or not the current Vice President. Nominations for each position shall be closed immediately preceding the elections for that position by a majority vote of the Senate. Executive Council members shall be elected by a majority. A run-off election will be held between the persons receiving the two highest vote totals should a majority fail to be
reached on the initial vote. If running for or elected to any Executive Council position for the upcoming year, the Chairperson shall delegate the chair during that election to a member of the Election and Operations Committee or the Executive Council who is not running for or elected to any position on the new Executive Council. In addition, the current vice president is not eligible to chair the elections.

Nominations for each position shall be closed immediately preceding the election for that position by a majority vote of the Senate. Executive Council members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Senate. A run-off election will be held between the persons receiving the two highest vote totals should a majority fail to be reached on the initial vote.

ii. General Election. The Elections Committee shall call for nominations for the Executive Council positions, at the regular February meeting of the Senate, and again at the March regular meeting of the Senate. The Executive Council members will be elected at the March regular meeting of the Senate. A transfer of information between the old Executive Council and the new Executive Council will occur from the close of the March meeting through the close of the April Senate meeting.

iii. Term of Office. The terms of the retiring Executive Council members shall expire at the adjournment of the April meeting; and concurrently, the President-Elect and Vice President-Elect will assume the offices of President and Vice-President, respectively, and other incoming Executive Council members will assume their respective positions.

iv. Vacancies. Vacancies resulting from impeachment, resignation, or other causes shall be filled by a special election conducted by the Elections Committee.

2. Meeting Rules. The Executive Council shall meet at least two weeks prior to the regular Senate meeting. The Presiding Officer at Executive Council meetings shall be the President of the Senate. In the event of the President’s absence, the Presiding Officer will be chosen in the order of seniority. The Council cannot conduct business unless four of the six members are present.


i. An Executive Officer will be allowed two excused absences from regular Executive Council or Senate meetings due to professional or personal conflicts providing they secure another officer to relay any committee reports and
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additional communication at Executive Council meetings or regular meetings of the Senate.

ii. One absence from either GPSS Executive Council or regular Senate meetings that are not excused shall warrant notification by the Elections Committee stating the rules of attendance and delinquency.

iii. Missing two meetings without an excused absence constitutes a resignation from the executive board position. The Chief Information Officer will advise the election committee of the need for a special election to fill the position left vacant.

iii. Executive Council members may be impeached by a written presentation of charges, in the form of a senate order, sponsored by a minimum of 25% of the seated Senate. A vote to recall an impeached Executive Council member from office must be approved by two-thirds of a 60% quorum Senate.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

1. Ad hoc committees may be formed by the Senate to carry out duties assigned to them by the Senate. The powers of the committee will be clearly defined by the Senate.

2. The Chairperson of the committee appoints the members. Committee members must be graduate or professional students. Committees, other than those defined by the Constitution, may not have less than three members.

3. Committees, other than those defined by the Constitution, shall be dissolved after two years unless re-formed by the Senate.

ARTICLE IV. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Senate and all of its organized bodies, through its officers, shall follow the rules and regulations outlined in the Iowa Open Meetings Open Records Act.
TITLE: Revising the GPSS Standing Rules

WHEREAS: The Standing Rules is a fundamental governing document, and

WHEREAS: Updates are needed to be consistent with both Senate practice and Senate efficiency, and

WHEREAS: A revised set of Standing Rules is necessary to guide the future Senate, be it therefore

ENACTED: The GPSS Standing Rules be amended as attached.

Sponsors:

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Arko Provo Mukherjee, President    Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate
The following rules are guidelines for the Senate. They may be revised, suspended, or discontinued by the approval of the appropriate motion by a simple majority of Senators voting at the meeting of the Senate.

1) These rules shall be reviewed by the Executive Council, under the direction of the Vice President, and the Rules Committee at least once each year and shall be presented for adoption, with any revisions made, to the Senate no later than the first meeting after the seating of the new Senate.

2) The Senate shall meet on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, unless otherwise arranged.

3) The Chair of the Senate takes roll call of all Senators at the start of the Senate session. The CIO records the attendance of all present Senators.

4) Senators who miss the roll call must announce to the Senate and CIO their presence before they are allowed to vote on any measure.

5) All seated Senators, including the author of the bill are eligible to vote on Senate bills, orders, and resolutions during the Senate session as long as they have registered their attendance with the CIO.

6) The Chair of the Senate shall strive to follow the guidelines for assigning the floor to speakers as stated in Robert’s Rules of Order, so as to provide balance and order to the debate.

7) The Chair shall recognize the first request from the floor. The right to the Senate floor is open to all persons attending the Senate session. Each speaker's right to the floor shall not exceed five minutes for each issue at the meeting, except for committee reports.

8) The Senate may not take final action on a bill or resolution until a sponsor presents the final version to all Senators present at the meeting. Only Senators who are named sponsors on the legislation may present the legislation to the Senate.
9) Procedure for the submission of bills, orders and resolutions to the Senate:

   a) All bills, orders, and resolutions to be proposed must be submitted to the Vice President ten (10) twelve (12) calendar days before the regular Senate meeting.

   b) The Vice President and the Rules Committee will review the proposed bills, orders, and resolutions and provide feedback to the sponsors.

      i. The chairperson of the Rules Committee can state an opinion of the Rules Committee during their committee report. This opinion from the committee on any legislation will be reported back to the Senate as being favorable, unfavorable, or no-bias. This decision by the Rules Committee must be supported by the current constitution and/or By-laws.

      ii. If the proposed legislation is of a financial nature the Rules Committee shall forward the bill—legislation to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee’s opinion will be reported to the Senate by its chair person. The opinion of the Finance Committee will be reported as favorable, unfavorable, or no-bias. This decision by the Finance Committee must be supported by the current Constitution and/or By-laws.

   c) If there is an urgent situation and these deadlines cannot be met, legislation can still be brought before the Senate provided the following:
      i. The sponsor is able to show legitimate urgency, and the Senate votes to allow an addition to the agenda. A majority vote from the Senate is needed.
      ii. The sponsor provides copies of the legislation to the CIO for distribution to each Senator and Executive Council officer.

10) Introduction of new legislation:

   a) A sponsor of a bill, order, or resolution must read the document aloud at the Senate meeting. Once the document is read, the author can present any pertinent information about the proposed legislation to the Senate.

   b) Once the proposed legislation has been introduced, the Senate is able to debate the proposed legislation in question.
11) Debate following a motion will be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes, with each speaker allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes speaking time.

   a) The question may be called during debate and requires a second. At that time a vote to call the question must be taken. A two-thirds majority is required to call the question. If two-thirds approval is not met, then debate continues.

   b) To end debate the Senate must either:
      i. Vote on the issue.
      ii. Vote to postpone the debate until a specified time (or indefinitely).
      iii. Vote to send the issue to committee for further study.
      iv. Vote to table according to Robert’s Rules of Order.

   c) If a vote is taken by clicker system or roll call, the results of the vote indicating how each Senator voted shall be part of the meeting notes for that Senate meeting.

   d) If the bill, order, or resolution is passed, the sponsor has the responsibility to ensure that the action mandated by the legislation occurs.

12) General discussion of a particular subject can be held by passing a Motion to Discuss.

   a) No action aside from debate is possible under this motion, but it is appropriate to make a motion calling for action after debate under the Motion to Discuss has ended.

   b) Any Senator may make a Motion to Discuss during the Senate Forum or the Committee Executive reports.

   c) The Motion to Discuss is non-debatable, requires a second, has the rank of a main motion, and is passed by a simple majority of the Senators present at the meeting of the Senate.

   d) Discussion will be limited to a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes, with each speaker allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes speaking time.

   e) The Chair will remind Senators of the maximum speaking and discussion time after the Motion to Discuss has been passed.

   f) The discussion period ends:
When forty-five (45) minutes have elapsed, unless a motion is made to extend the time limit of debate for an allotted period of time, which requires a second and a two-thirds majority of present Senators.

When a motion is made to end the debate. This motion requires a second and a two-thirds majority to pass. If two-thirds majority is not met, then debate continues.

Two (2) types of amendments can be made to a bill, order, or resolution:

a) Friendly Amendments (minor changes which do not change the original intent of the bill or resolution), including but not limited to: spelling errors, punctuation, word usage, and short clarification. The Chair will call for anyone opposed to the amendment. If no one is opposed, it passes by silent consent.

b) Other Amendments (major changes which might change the original intent of the proposed legislation), including but not limited to: striking portions of the document, large additions, or long clarifications.

These amendments must be communicated to the Chair and accurately displayed by the CIO for the Senate.

After the amendment is made, there will be a total of four (4) minutes of debate on the amendment. The proponent of the amendment will be given two (2) minutes to explain and support the amendment. There will be two (2) minutes for rebuttal of the amendment. These four (4) minutes of debate count against the total thirty (30) minutes allowed for debate for the given bill/resolution.

Major amendments are passed by a simple majority vote.

If a vote is taken by clicker system or roll call, the results of the vote indicating how each Senator voted shall be part of the meeting notes for that Senate meeting.

Open Forum will be limited to 45 minutes and Senate Forum limited to 30 minutes. Time limits on either forum are enforced at the discretion of the Chair. A motion to extend either forum may be approved by a 2/3 majority of the Senate.
TITLE: Making Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) a regular member of National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS)

WHEREAS: NAGPS is a student-run national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of graduate & professional students across the United States, and

WHEREAS: NAGPS is NOT a political organization, and

WHEREAS: NAGPS hosts regional conferences, and national conferences, and

WHEREAS: NAGPS would help the senate to engage in conversations with other graduate student bodies in a systematic manner using a common platform, and

WHEREAS: NAGPS advocates legislation of graduate student related laws and policies, such as student loans, funding graduate education, and international student visa, and

WHEREAS: NAGPS membership provides unique benefits to member graduate and professional students (http://nagps.org/benefits-resources/benefits/) including

A job bank for member students
Spearheading national advocacy initiatives (Ex: GradsHaveDebt2)
Hosting national and regional conferences
Hertz Rental Car Discount to Graduate Students
Dental & Vision Insurance
Discounts on GEICO Insurance
International Travel Insurances, and

WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional student bodies of many Universities including the ones listed below are affiliated with NAGPS, and
WHEREAS: GPSS was a founding member of NAGPS (proof attached with the bill), and

WHEREAS: NAGPS membership provides the opportunity for GPSS to voice opinion at both regional and the national level regarding issues related to graduate and professional students, be it therefore

ENACTED: The Graduate and Professional Senate join NAGPS and allocate $500.00 to pay for the annual regular membership fee for 2015 – 2016, and be it further

ENACTED: The Graduate and Professional Senate resolve to include the NAGPS regular membership charges as a line item for the yearly GPSS budget.

Sponsors:

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List of Graduate and Professional Organizations associated with NAGPS

1. Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly
2. Duke University Graduate and Professional Student Council
3. Massachusetts Institute of Technology Graduate Student Council
4. Syracuse University Graduate Student Organization
5. University of California, San Diego Graduate Student Association
6. University of Cincinnati Graduate Student Governance Association
7. University of Colorado United Government of Graduate Students
8. Washington St Graduate and Professional Students Association
9. Western Michigan University Graduate Student Advisory Committee
10. Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association
11. Arkansas State University Graduate Student Council
12. Armstrong Atlantic State University Graduate Student Coordinating Council
13. Auburn University Graduate Student Council
14. Baylor University Graduate Student Association
15. Bentley University Graduate Student Association
16. Boston University Graduate Student Organization
17. Bryn Mawr College Graduate Student Association
18. Case Western Reserve University Graduate Student Senate
19. Chatham University Graduate Student Assembly
20. Colorado School of Mines Graduate Student Association
21. Colorado State University Graduate Student Council
22. Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Committee
23. Cornell University Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
24. Drexel University Graduate Student Association
25. East Carolina University Graduate and Professional Student Senate
26. East Tennessee State University Graduate and Professional Student Association
27. Eastern Illinois University Graduate Student Advisory Council
28. Emerson College Graduate Student Association
29. Florida Atlantic University Graduate and Professional Student Association
30. Florida International University Graduate and Professional Student Committee
31. Florida State University Congress of Graduate Students
32. George Mason University Graduate and Professional Student Association
33. Grand Valley State University Graduate Student Association
34. Harvard University Graduate Student Council
35. High Point University Graduate Student Association
36. Johns Hopkins University Graduate Representative Organization
37. Kent State University Graduate Student Senate
38. Loyola University Maryland Graduate Student Organization
39. Missouri University of Science and Technology
40. North Carolina State University, University Graduate Student Association
41. Northern Arizona University Graduate Student Government
42. Northwestern University Graduate Leadership Council
43. Oklahoma State University Graduate and Professional Student Government Association
44. Old Dominion University Graduate Student Organization
45. Pennsylvania State University Graduate Student Association
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46. Regent University Council of Graduate Students
47. Rice University Graduate Student Association
48. Southern University Graduate Student Association
49. St. Cloud State University Graduate Student Organization
50. St. Louis University Graduate Student Association
51. Stony Brook University Graduate Student Organization
52. Texas A&M University Graduate Student Council
53. Texas Tech University Graduate Student Advisory Council
54. Tufts University Graduate Student Council
55. University of Akron Graduate Student Government
56. University of Alabama, Birmingham Graduate Student Association
57. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa Graduate Student Association
58. University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council
59. University of Arkansas Graduate Student Congress
60. University of Arkansas, Little Rock Graduate Student Association
61. University of California Student Association
62. University of California, Davis Graduate Student Association
63. University of California, Irvine Associated Students of UC Irvine
64. University of California, Merced Graduate Student Association
65. University of California, San Diego – Graduate Student Association
66. University of Central Florida Graduate Student Association
67. University of Florida Graduate Student Council
68. University of Georgia Graduate Student Association
69. University of Louisville Graduate Student Council
70. University of Maryland, Baltimore County Graduate Student Association
71. University of Maryland, College Park Graduate Student Government
72. University of Miami Graduate Student Association
73. University of Mississippi Graduate Student Council
74. University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council
75. University of Montana Graduate Student Association
76. University of Nevada, Las Vegas Graduate and Professional Student Association
77. University of Nevada, Reno Graduate Student Association
78. University of New England Graduate and Professional Student Association
79. University of New Haven Graduate Student Council
80. University of North Texas Graduate Student Council
81. University of Oklahoma Graduate Student Senate
82. University of Pittsburgh Graduate and Professional Student Government
83. University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras Campus
84. University of South Dakota Graduate and Professional Student Association
85. University of South Florida Graduate and Professional Student Council
86. University of Southern California Graduate Student Government
87. University of Tennessee Knoxville Graduate Student Senate
88. University of Toledo Graduate Student Association
89. Virginia Commonwealth University Graduate Student Association
90. Washington University in St. Louis Graduate School of Arts/Sciences
91. Xavier University Graduate Student Association
The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
proudly recognizes the

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Iowa State University

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and awards this certificate in recognition
of its role in improving the quality-of-life
of the nation's graduate and professional students.

Awarded this 9th day of March in the year 1991
at the 5th National Conference of the
National Association of Graduate-Professional Students,
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Carole Glover, Executive Coordinator
2014 Events

2014 NAGPS Northeast Regional Conference
2014 NAGPS Southeast Regional Conference
2014 NAGPS Southcentral Regional Conference
2014 NAGPS Midwest Regional Conference
2014 Western Regional Conference
Spring 2014 Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Days
2014 Leadership Summit
2014 Fall Advocacy Summit & Legislative Action Days (LADs)
28th Annual National Conference

Our Vision
NAGPS's vision is to be a nationally representative and internationally recognized Association that advocates for institutional and structural changes to improve graduate and professional education in the United States.

Our Mission
The mission of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) is to: develop, sustain, and expand a member network that connects graduate and professional students across the United States to facilitate the sharing of information, resources, and best practices, empower our members to successfully serve their constituents, and amplify students’ voices in campus, local, state, and federal policymakers.

Member Login

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Thursday, November 6

2:00 PM Hotel Check-in
Registration
Student Center, 1st Floor & 2nd Floor Traditions Lounge

4:00 PM Registration and Welcome Reception
The Shack, Student Center

7:00 PM Socializing and Dinner
The Shack, Student Center

Friday, November 7

Shuttle service provided from conference hotel to campus

6:30 AM Workout
MU Recreation Center

9:00 AM Welcome and Day One Overview
Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

9:15 AM Business Meeting
Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

10:45 AM Concurrent Session Block #1

Running Meetings and Robert’s Rules
Sam Leitermann, Syracuse University
Student Center 1209A

Navigating the Difficulties of Graduate Student Leadership
Dwayne Johnson & Ernest Fleming, North Carolina A&T State University
Student Center 1209B

Living Multiculturalism: on- and off- campus international student advocacy
Serban Mogos & Ankita Sharma, Carnegie Mellon University
Student Center 2205A

Revisiting Core Values in Leadership and Transitions under GR.A.C.E. (Graduate Action, Collaboration & Empathy)
Charity Embley, Texas Tech University
Student Center 2205B

Data-Driven Advocacy
Zach Brooks, University of Arizona
Student Center 2206AB&C

11:30 AM Break

11:45 AM Concurrent Session Block #2

Data-Drive Advocacy: Three Case Studies in Institutional Change
Laura Michaelson, John Lurquin & Katherine Allison, University of Colorado Boulder
Student Center 1209A
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Building a Presence: Intertwining successful leadership through new and innovative programs
Denisha Griffey, & Chartanay Bonner Western Michigan University
Student Center 1209B

Building an Inclusive Graduate and Campus-Discussion Group
Erica Ronchetto, Missouri University of Science and Technology
Student Center 2205A

How to Connect with Social Media, Marketing, and Communications
Kate Chisholm & Zachary Brooks, University of Arizona
Student Center 2205B

Best Practices Roundtable
NAGPS Regional Members of the Year
Student Center 2206AB&C

12:30 PM  Working Lunch and Workshop
Student Center: Traditions Lounge

Professional Development - Advocacy 101: Making Your Voice Heard
Meredith Niles, Harvard University & Katie Steen, University of Missouri
Student Center 2206AB&C

Strategic Plan
Neileen Leslie
Student Center 2205A

1:30 PM  Concurrent Session Block #3

Communication Planning & the Future for NAGPS
Peta Long, Syracuse University
Student Center 1209A

Challenges and Successes In Managing a 4089% Budget Increase, Growing Your Organization and Advocating To Keep Competitive Graduate Programs
Aaron Shaw, The University of Toledo
Student Center 1209B

Pedaling Change on Campus: Carnegie Mellon's Bike Advisory Committee
Mary Giavan, Carnegie Mellon University
Student Center 2205A

Crossing Boundaries and Transforming Lives: Strategic planning with community engagement and careful deliberation, not just buzzwords
Mark Whiting, Carnegie Mellon University
Student Center 2205B

GradsHaveDebt2: Empowering Students and Advocating for Our Future
Jesse Kremenak, University of Missouri
Student Center 2206AB&C

Using your student government experience in your future career
Meredith Niles, Harvard University
Student Center Leadership Auditorium
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2:15 PM Break

2:30 PM Business Meeting
   Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

5:00 PM Break

5:15 PM Leading the Charge for Open: How NAGPS can build its reputation as an
       internationally-recognized leader in Open Access advocacy
       Nick Stockey, SPARC
       Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

6:00 PM Break

7:00 PM Regional Dinners
   Downtown Columbia
   Bleu (811 Walnut St.)
   Shakespeare's (225 S Ninth Street)
   Broadway Brewery (816 E Broadway)
   Kui Korean BBQ (22 N 9th Street)

9:00 PM Comedy, Dancing
   Downtown Columbia
   Déjà vu (405 Cherry St. Columbia, MO 65201)

Saturday, November 8

6:30 AM Workout
   MU Recreation Center

9:00 AM Welcome and Day Two Overview
   Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

9:15 AM Meet the Candidates
   Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

10:15 AM Business Meeting
   Busch Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

11:00 PM Break

11:15 AM Concurrent Session Block #4

   The Future of Employment Concerns: Developing a Vision and a Plan
   Caitlin Janiszewski, University at Albany
   Student Center 1209A

   Confessions of a Graduate Student Leader: What to Expect and How to Enrich your Experience
   Eduardo Europa, Northwestern University
   Student Center 1209B
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Iowa State University
Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Figures don’t lie, but ... Understanding national datasets for graduate student advocacy” - Part 1
Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools
Student Center Leadership Auditorium

12:00 PM
Buffet Lunch
1st Floor Student Center

1:00 PM
Ignite Sessions/Posters/Presentation

Ignite Sessions
Student Center Leadership Auditorium

Posters
Student Center Leadership Lounge

Hungarian Student Government Model
Student Center 2206A

1:45 PM
Concurrent Session Block #5

Empowering Students through Student Advocacy and Lobbying (ASUM)
Seonmin Park & Jonathon Donald, Northern Arizona University
Student Center 1206A

International Student Programming
Maria Khoroshev & Zachary Brooks, University of Arizona
Student Center 2205A

Figures don’t lie, but ... Understanding national datasets for graduate student advocacy” - Part 2
Hironao Okahana, Council of Graduate Schools
Student Center Leadership Auditorium

2:30 PM
Break

2:45 PM
Collaboration for Excellence
Bush Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

3:45 PM
Introduce New Board
Bush Auditorium 201, Cornell Hall

4:00 PM
Break

4:15 PM
Concurrent Session Block #6

Pittsburgh Student Government Council: Regional Collaboration Helping Students
Will Frankenstein, Carnegie Mellon University
Student Center 1209A

Advocacy as the Core Order of the GSO
Sam Leitemann, Syracuse University
Student Center 1209B
Agenda

Domestic Revalidation of F-1 Student Visas
Mohammad Alkazimi, Missouri University of Science and Technology
Student Center 2205A

Cultivating Social Capital in your Student Government for more effective governance advocacy: A Case Study of Mizzou's GPC
Kristofferson Culmer, University of Missouri
Student Center 2205B

iDesign: Creating a self-brand identity for entering the market
Peta Long, Syracuse University
Student Center 2206A

Partnering with University Alumni Associations for Mentoring
Katheryn Kolesar, University of California - Davis
Student Center 2206AB&C

5:00 PM  Regional Business Meeting

Western
Student Center 1209A

Midwest
Student Center 1209B

Northeast
Student Center 2205A

Southeast
Student Center 2205B

Southcentral
Student Center 2206AB&C

6:00 PM  Break

7:00 PM  Cocktail Hour (shuttle service provided from conference hotel to pavilion)
Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union

7:30 PM  Conference Dinner
Stotler I, II, III, Memorial Union

9:00 PM  Dance!
Stotler I, II, III, Memorial Union

Sunday, November 9

9:00 AM  2014 and 2015 Board of Directors Meeting (2014 and 2015 Directors only)
Mizzou Rec Complex

12:00 PM  Hotel Check-out
Graduate-Professional Student Loans

We urge you to sponsor and support legislation that would:

REUNIFY the graduate and undergraduate loan rates to reverse current inequalities
REINSTATE the in-school interest subsidy for graduate-professional student loans

The average cumulative debt for a Master’s is $57,000 and is $75,000 for a doctoral degree. This figure increases to $146,000 for a professional degree, which is more than four times the average undergraduate debt load (approx. $29,000). [1]

Reunify Loan Rates

- Earning a Ph.D. takes an average of 7.7 years [2]. Compounding interest from unsubsidized loans further swells the debt load, increasing monthly loan payments by $203 for students taking out the maximum Stafford Loan amount.

- According to Congressional Budget Office projections, savings associated with the removal of the in-school interest subsidy will result in an increase of $18.1 billion in the debt burden of graduate-professional students over 10 years. [3]

Federal investment in doctoral education fills a critical gap that neither states nor industry can fill [4]

Why This Matters

- Federal investment in doctoral education fills a critical gap that neither states nor industry can fill. State governments are often reluctant to invest in fellowships for students who might not remain in the state. Corporations may find doctoral fellowships difficult to justify when they cannot be certain that a student will join the company after attaining the degree. When the federal government makes the investment, the entire nation greatly benefits. [4]

- The graduate-professional student default rate is significantly lower (6.4%) than the overall default rate (18.4%), [5] making graduate-professional student loans the safest investment of all student loans.

- The high cost of student loans prohibits graduate and professional students from being active participants in our struggling economy, preventing them from buying homes and starting small businesses.

- The high cost of student loans makes postgraduate education cost prohibitive and will prevent the best and brightest from pursuing graduate or professional degrees.

- Jobs requiring advanced degrees are expected to grow by at least 20% by 2020. [6]

Graduate instructors help keep undergraduate education affordable

Grad/Prof are 3x less likely to default on student loans [5]
Graduate-Professional Student Loans

References


Funding Graduate Education
An Investment in the Future

We urge you to support legislation that would:
Increase funding to federal research agencies to reverse the damage from budget caps and sequestration cuts
Reinstate and ensure future political science research funding through the NSF
Restore funding for the Javits and GAANN fellowship programs to $39 million

The Benefits of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Funding (STEM)
• 53% of basic academic science research in the United States is funded through the federal government [2]
• Grants from NSF supported about 150,000 researchers, including graduate and undergraduate students in FY 2010 [3]
• More than 80,000 patents were generated from NSF funded research from 2000 to 2009 [3]
• STEM fields are critical to reigniting the economy. There are nearly two job openings per STEM-educated person nationally [4]
• Since FY 2010 federal research and development funding in real dollars has decreased by 10% [3]

The Benefits of Social, Behavioral, Economic, and Political Science
• The social sciences are crucial to solving many of our nation’s most pressing issues including understanding disease spread, disaster preparedness, and efficient use of resources [5]
• Social science and social network analysis have been crucial in ensuring national security and understanding terrorist networks [6][7]
• Social science research interventions can reduce repeat crime offenses by up to 40% [6]
• The State Department, Homeland Security, Defense Department, and Department of Energy all rely on the work of social scientists [5]

Funding for the Javits Fellowship and the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
• In 2012, the Javits Fellowship program -- the only federal fellowship for students in the arts and humanities -- was consolidated into the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program, reducing funding by 24% [8]
• The average time to degree for Javits fellowship students is less than their peers [8]
Funding Graduate Education
An Investment in the Future

References


Open Access to Federally Funded Research
Increasing Innovation and Improving Education

We urge you to support and co-sponsor:
- S.350 - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR) [bipartisan]
- H.R. 708 - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR) [bipartisan]

OPEN ACCESS
A Win for American Students, Taxpayers and Small Businesses

- **Small Business**: Removes the cost barrier that prevents small businesses from incorporating the latest research into their innovation
- **Students**: Provides access to cutting-edge research and reduces the cost burden for continuing education
- **Citizens**: Maximizes taxpayers' return on investment in publicly funded research and provides every taxpayer with access to research they have paid for
- **Accountable Government**: Allows transparent review of how federal dollars are used

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700,000 users access PubMed every weekday [1]

57% of PubMed users are from the general public and industry [1]

Proven Track Record of Success: The NIH Public Access Program

The NIH public access policy currently requires peer-reviewed papers developed from NIH-funded projects to be submitted to NIH's public PubMed Central (PMC) database within one year after publication [1].

Every weekday, more than 700,000 users access PMC. The NIH estimates that only 25% of these users are from universities, 40% are from the general public, and 17% are from industry [1].

Support from Publishers

At least 50 major publishers, including the Nature Publishing Group and the American Institute of Physics, have pledged to support access models that maximize "dissemination of and access to the content" they publish [2].

Growth in the medical journal market -- the one most affected by the NIH policy -- is forecast to be 6.3% in 2014 [3].
Improving Education Resources
Support Affordable Textbooks

We urge you to support and co-sponsor:
H.R. 3538 - Affordable College Textbook Act
S. 1704 - Affordable College Textbook Act

Open Educational Resources (OER) are Fiscally Responsible

- The rising cost of college textbooks places an unnecessary burden on all students. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that college textbook prices increased 82% between 2002 and 2012 [4].
- Considering recent technological advancements, textbook prices should be decreasing, not increasing.
- Open Educational Resources (OER) are digital textbooks and other materials licensed for free.
- Expanding the creation and use of OER can reduce the burden of textbook costs and make higher education more affordable.

References
[1] The NIH Open Access Policy Overview and Impact:
http://www.stm-assoc.org/publishers-support-sustainable-open-access/

Legislation
H.R. 798 - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR)
(Sponsors: Doyle [D-PA14] and 13 cosponsors; Status: Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform Committee)
S. 350 - Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR)
(Sponsors: Cornyn [R-TX] and 3 cosponsors; Status: Referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs)
H.R. 3538 - Affordable College Textbook Act
(Sponsors: Hinojosa [D-TX15] and 42 cosponsors; Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)
S. 1704 - Affordable College Textbook Act
(Sponsors: Durbin [D-IL] and 3 cosponsors; Status: Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions)
TITLE: Increase in the Amount Requested for Regular Allocation

WHEREAS: GPSS budgeted $14,000 for Spring Regular Allocations in Fiscal Year 2015, and

WHEREAS: The amount that graduate and professional student organizations apply for and receive during Regular Allocations does not always fulfill their needs, and

WHEREAS: In previous years (through Fiscal Year 2013), graduate and professional student organizations were allowed to apply for and receive up to $1,000, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the amount that each graduate or professional student organization may apply for and receive should not exceed $1,000 per academic year, and be it further

ENACTED: That the GPSS Regular Allocation Guidelines be updated to reflect this change as per the attached document, and be it further

ENACTED: That graduate and professional student organizations that received funding during the 2014 Fall Regular Allocations are allowed to apply for a maximum of $200 during the 2015 Spring Regular Allocations.

Sponsors:

CHAKRABORTY, A
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TRIPATHY, A

HSU, C

Arko Provo Mukherjee, President  Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate
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GUIDELINES FOR GPSS REGULAR ALLOCATIONS

These guidelines will help your organization apply for a regular allocation request through the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS). The money to support regular allocations is from the student activity fee. Allocation requests are a line item in the yearly budget of the GPSS. Please note, in recent years, allocation requests have been significantly higher than the amount allowed by the budget. Therefore, it is essential that you follow these guidelines to have a successful application. It is the responsibility of the GPSS Treasurer to add clarity and direction if needed during the allocation process. Therefore, if you have questions or need assistance you are encouraged to contact him/her (gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu). While the Treasurer can assist with the allocation request, the Treasurer CANNOT guarantee funding.

Funding decisions are decided by the Senate, and their decision is final. The GPSS Finance Committee is authorized to form an opinion on the funding request.

THE ALLOCATION PROCESS

Regular allocation requests are considered by the Finance Committee of the GPSS. The Finance Committee members are GPSS Senators that volunteer to be on the committee. The committee is chaired by the GPSS Treasurer. Each committee member along with the GPSS Treasurer and the GSB Finance Director has a voting right on the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee makes a recommendation to the GPSS. The Senate will make the final decision on all allocation requests, based on the Finance Committees recommendations, at the October Senate meeting (fall regular allocations) or at the March Senate meeting (spring regular allocations).

The steps in the regular allocation process are as follows:

1. The GPSS Treasurer receives the allocation request by the deadline.
2. The GPSS Treasurer will schedule a meeting with the GPSS Finance Committee.
3. The Finance Committee will review all allocation requests and will make recommendations on the regular allocation requests.
4. The graduate/professional student organization will be contacted by the Treasurer about the preliminary recommendation of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer will also inform the student organization of the appeal process.
   - If the student organization is happy with the recommendation no further action is needed. The student organization will be informed of the GPSS decision by the Treasurer after the appropriate Senate meeting. If the student organization is unhappy with the preliminary recommendation made by the Finance Committee. The student organization can appeal the recommendation to members of the Finance Committee or the Treasurer by providing additional clarification or documentation pertaining to their original allocation request.
   - Student organizations CANNOT submit a modified allocation request during the appeal process. The acceptance or denial of an appeal will be given to the student organization.
   - If the student organization is still unhappy with the recommendation made by the Finance Committee/Treasurer they MUST notify the Treasurer prior to the Senate Meeting (October or March). The student organization can attend the Senate meeting to appeal to the entire GPSS.
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General rules for regular allocations:

- Allocation applications *(both electronic and hard copies)* are due by **5:00 pm** on the fourth Friday in September and the fourth Friday in February
  - An electronic copy of the allocation request **MUST** be emailed to the GPSS Treasurer *(gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu)* by the due date.
    - The electronic copy **MUST** be sent in a word document (.doc or .docx).
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- PDFs WILL NOT be accepted.
- The electronic copy does NOT need to have the signatures.
  - A hard copy of the allocation request (with signatures) MUST be submitted to the GPSS office (West Student Office Space, Memorial Union).
  - The hard copy can be sent by campus mail but it MUST be received by the deadline.
- All copies must be received by the deadline, there are NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Each graduate/professional student organization MUST submit a ledger for the previous 24 months.
  Failure to submit a ledger will result in an automatic denial of the allocation request.
  - If a previous allocation was made by GPSS in the previous 24 months the ledger must reflect how that allocation was spent.
  - It is the responsibility of the student organization to maintain a ledger for this period of time.
  - It is NOT the responsibility of the GPSS or Campus Organizational Accounting (COA) to keep financial records for you organization. It is against COAs policy to release previous financial records so it is VITAL that student organization keep their own financial records.
  - If you are a new organization and do not have a ledger you must notify the GPSS Treasurer prior to the due date.
  - If you are an established student organization and do not have a ledger it is suggested that you contact the GPSS Treasurer for guidance prior to the application due date or request will be denied.
- All student organizations MUST be a “recognized student organization” in the Iowa State University student organization database and MUST be in good standing with the university and student organization recognition policy (SORP). Failure to maintain this status will result in an automatic denial of the allocation request.
- Active organization members MUST consist completely of graduate and/or professional students to receive an allocation through the GPSS.
- The organization cannot block membership to any graduate or professional student.
- Funding requests by graduate/professional student organization MUST supplement the education of graduate and/or professional students.
- Each graduate/professional student organization may apply for and receive up to $800 $1,000 per academic year.
  - Organizations can only apply once per academic year (either September or February).
  - Organizations may NOT apply for more than $800 $1,000.
- Student organizations should fundraise outside of the allocation process.
  - Please provide information on how you plan to raise funds for your organization.
- Each expense in the request MUST have a justification of why the organization is asking for the money.

Failure to provide a justification will result in an automatic denial of the request line item.
- GPSS does NOT fund debt. If a student organization has already spent money prior to the allocation request IT WILL NOT BE FUNDED.
  - If the organization wants to change a line item in an allocation that was previous funded they MUST contact the treasurer prior to spending the allocation money.
- All property purchased with regular allocation funds is the property of the GPSS and we reserve the right to take ownership at any time and for any reason.
- Recently regular allocation requests have been higher than what the budget allows. Therefore, in the event that GPSS cannot fund all allocation requests allocation recommendations will be distributed by program senator distribution to ensure fair dispersal of funds across all constituencies.
- If your organization will be working with animals, you must provide approval from Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). If you feel that you do not need this you must provide the reason with your allocation application.

The following are examples of what is commonly requested and funded through regular allocations:
- Requests for activities that will advertise or support the graduate or professional student program/organization (this may include VEISHEA). It may include special events that advertises an
educational organization/program or showcases research that is performed by the program. However, recruiting activities of potential students to a graduate program will not be funded.

- These events MUST be well justified to receive funding.
- Sponsoring speaker(s) to come to Iowa State University that are recognized in the organization’s discipline and of general interest to other graduate and professional students.
- Request for journals and books specific to the organization's discipline.
  - These CANNOT be available on the Iowa State University campus.
- Requests for campus-orientated activities rather than off-campus activities.
- Requests for allocations benefiting a significant number of graduate/professional students through educational programming.
- Request from interdepartmental programs, departmental organizations, and other graduate/professional student organizations that are not funded by the Government of the Student Body (GSB).
- Requests from organizations showing financial need.
- Requests from organizations with sound financial records.
  - If your organization has previously been awarded a regular or special allocation you must show how that money was spent on the ledger supplied to the Finance Committee with the new allocation request.
  - The GPSS Finance Committee reserves the right to examine a graduate/professional student organization spending history.
  - Previous awards must be spent on items based on the original request.
- Starting fall 2011 honorariums for speakers will be funded. However, the honorarium may not be higher than $250 per speaker and cannot be more than $250 of the requested Allocation.
  - It is suggested that student organizations obtain funding for honorariums from sources other than the GPSS.
  - Should a honorarium not be paid, a gift up to $50 may be considered in lieu of a honorarium.
  - Speaker gifts may not exceed a total of $250 per allocation request.

What/who is NOT funded through a regular allocation:

- An organization that is open to students that are not classified as graduate or professional students.
- A graduate/professional organization that limits their membership to fellow graduate/professional students.
- Social, religious, and political organizations are NOT funded through regular allocations but may be funded by a special allocation.
- In general, social activities are not funded through regular allocations from the GPSS. It is in the student organizations best interest NOT to apply for social activities that are not related to academic events. If your organization wants to take this risk you MUST explain how all graduate/professional students benefit from your social event.
- Funding for a student organization to have a meal with ISU faculty and staff WILL NOT be funded through a regular allocation.
- Fundraising events will not be funded through regular allocations.
- Funding requests for student organizations to send their student to a meeting WILL NOT be considered. Funding for travel to an event can be requested through a Professional Advancement Grant (PAG), per their guidelines.
- Field trips that form part of an ISU class or ISU course will not be considered.
- Request for a student organization or its member to pay dues to a professional organization or society WILL NOT be considered.
- Request for a student organization to give to a charity will not be funded through regular allocations.
- Recruitment of potential students to a graduate program will not be considered.

Special monetary stipulations in the allocation request:

- At most half of the Graduate/Professional Student Organization request should be for food.
  - The Finance Committee will automatically adjust the amount awarded so not more than 50% of the awarded allocation will be for food.
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- It has been common for the Finance Committee to allocate funding for speaker meals (up to $40 per day).
- Funding will NOT be given for graduate student meals, unless the meal is with a visiting speaker and an education component MUST be justified in the request.

- The GPSS has chosen to support the Hotel Memorial Union. Student organizations that pay for the Hotel Memorial Union with a COA intramural will be charged $70/night. Therefore, allocation requests funding for hotel stays in Ames, IA will only be allowed to request $70/night. The number of nights MUST BE indicated in the request. Failure to provide the number of nights will result in only one night being funded.
  - No more than 2 nights will be funded per speaker.
- Graduate/professional student organizations may apply for materials to advertise an event or some other activity that is approved in the allocation request. Advertising materials CANNOT be more than $50 per allocation request, i.e. advertising materials up to $50 can only be requested once in the entire allocation request.
- If a speaker will be traveling to Iowa State University by plane or train you MUST justify your ticket price and indicate the origin and destination, otherwise the ticket price will be limited to a maximum of $250.
- If a speaker will be driving to Iowa State University the amount requested for travel MUST be based on the University’s current mileage rate.
- If a speaker will be traveling to Iowa State University using their personal vehicle you should use the university rates for mileage in your request.

  http://www.controller.iastate.edu/travelinformation/newtravelpolicies.htm
- Student organizations traveling should use ISU Transportation Services, provide information in their allocation request on the vehicle they plan to use, and mileage rate.

  http://www.transportation.iastate.edu/vehicles
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Name of Organization: EXAMPLE ALLOCATION REQUEST
BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE FROM PREVIOUS REQUEST THAT WERE FUNDED

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<td>The Entomology Graduate Student Organization’s goals for this event are to 1) develop our students’ outreach and education skills, 2) promote the science of insects and educate the public about how important insects are, and 3) to garner interest and recruit undergraduate students into studying entomology as majors, minors or as graduate students.</td>
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<td>Funding request for snacks during the movie (Food Supplies) there will be created arts available, which are related to insect (Art Supplies). We need to purchase the rights to show the movie Antz (Film Rights). The Entomology department and Reiman Gardens will be sponsoring other items needed for this event.</td>
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**Zaffarano Memorial Lecture**

The goal of the Zaffarano Memorial Lecture is to celebrate the memory of Dr. Daniel Zaffarano. Dr. Zaffarano was instrumental in the founding of the Interdepartmental Toxicology Program at Iowa State University. The Zaffarano family will be invited to attend the memorial lecture.

Each year the Toxicology Graduate Student Organization (TGSO) votes on a speaker to invite to the Zaffarano Memorial Lecture. The speaker will present his/her current research in the field of toxicology. Brochures will be distributed at the lecture and will include a brief biography of Dr. Zaffarano, along with the speaker’s abstract, and the listing of selected publications. During the speaker’s visit, meeting will be arranged for the speaker to discuss research, professional development, experimental techniques, etc. with toxicology faculty and students. Funding is requested for the Spring 2010 lecture because planning and preparations for this event occur far in advance.

Currently, air fare ticket prices are ~400 (Traveling from Mississippi to Iowa). The guest speaker will be staying 2 nights at the Hotel Memorial Union. We request money to help print the brochures and advertisements for this event. If additional funds will be needed they will come from the Toxicology program.

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**TOTAL ALLOCATION REQUEST** $ EXAMPLE
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE BILL S15-07
SENATE MEETING February 23, 2015

TITLE: Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

WHEREAS: The GPSS’s financial transactions from fiscal year 2014 have been reviewed by the GPSS Finance Committee, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS Finance Committee has developed a budget for fiscal year (FY) 2016 based on financial projections received, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the appended budget be adopted as the official GPSS budget for FY2015 (July 01, 2015 - June 30, 2016), let it be further

ENACTED: That any unspent money from Fiscal Year 2015 be moved to the current year surplus item, which will roll over as income for the next fiscal year, and be it further

ENACTED: That, in the event that a new position is added to the Executive Council, any additional required Executive Scholarship funds shall be allocated as a Special Allocation in the FY 2016 budget.

Sponsors:

CHAKRABORTY, A   FIGUEROA, A   HSU, C
SPENCER, M   TRIPATHY, A

Arko Provo Mukherjee, President     Zack Zenko, Chair of the Senate
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