IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Remarks and Reports

I. Report of the President
   i. The Special Student Fee Committee has been meeting and will move its recommendation to the President in the coming months. Our next meeting will be in early September, so we'll know more about the recommendations then.
   ii. There will likely be a small mid-year tuition increase, and then tuition will remain stable for the following year. More information will follow after the Board of Regents meetings.
   iii. Every five years or so, the offices of the Senior Vice Presidents are reviewed. In the future, there will be invitations to open forums if you'd like to provide feedback about any entity in the division of student affairs.
   iv. Progress is being made regarding the student health center and search for a director.
   v. Please encourage your new colleagues to come to the new student orientation on Thursday evening at 5:30 in the Reiman Ballroom of the Alumni Center.
   vi. Please encourage friends and family to attend the Fall Social on Friday at 5:30 at the Maple Shelter at Brookside Park.

II. Report of the Vice President
   i. Please email me to join the Senate Rule and Social Committees.
   ii. Rules committee is favorable of Senate Bill F01-01: Ratifying the GPSS Constitution
   iii. The execs and others helped plan the new student orientation and the GPSS fall social. Thank you to everyone with your valuable help. As the President indicated, please encourage attendance at both events.

III. Report of the Treasurer
   i. Finance Committee needs members!
      a. The Finance Committee (FC) is a standing committee chaired by the Treasurer, and is responsible for the evaluation of all legislation and GPSS policy with financial, fiscal or monetary implications.
      b. FC has five main responsibilities:
         1. Analyze the financial, fiscal and monetary components of legislation and other items brought before GPSS and then present our findings to the Senate.
         2. Prepare the budget for the next fiscal year and present this for Senate approval via formal legislation.
         3. Evaluate and revise, as necessary, the official guidelines governing the Regular Allocations and Special Allocations processes for GPSS.
         4. Evaluate requests for Regular Allocations by Student Organizations during each of two yearly allocations cycles, and recommend to the Senate final allocations through formal legislation.
         5. As necessary, evaluate requests for Special Allocations requested of the Senate.

c. **FIRST FC MEETING: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH – date can be modified if we have schedule conflicts**
d. Who we're looking for: anybody with an opinion regarding how student fee money should be spent!

ii. Regular Allocations
a. Two cycles: fall and spring
1. Fall 2015 deadline: Friday, 25 September 2015 at 5pm
2. Spring 2016 deadline: Friday, 26 February 2016 at 5pm
b. FC evaluates requests, communicates with clubs and submits final recommendations at the Senate meeting immediately following the allocations cycle deadline.
c. Allocations request form is on-line under "For Students" at www.gpss.iastate.edu
d. Graduate/Professional student organizations can request funding for scholarly or co-curricular activities that fall within the Regular Allocations Guidelines.
e. Clubs should list their total expected expenses for qualifying projects or events; maximum allocation given will be $1,000.

iii. Special Allocations
a. As needed, clubs and other entities may request financial support from GPSS—for example, last year we contributed $1,500 to the Committee on Lectures to help fund one of their big-name speakers.
b. Special Allocations requests must conform to the Special Allocations guidelines.
c. FC evaluates these requests as needed.

iv. Budget for upcoming fiscal year – prepared in November, presented to Senate for comments in Jan/Feb, then considered on the Senate floor as formal legislation.

IV. Report of the Chief Information Officer
i. Number of Senators as of August 24 is 51.
ii. Call for Election and Operations Committee members:
a. New GPSS website in design phase, good time to contribute.
b. Please refer to Article III.1.vi. in the Constitution for complete list of responsibilities.
iii. PAG forms broke in summer due to a change on server, fixed.
iv. Social media:
a. https://twitter.com/ISUGPSS
b. https://www.facebook.com/GPSS.ISU
c. https://www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=8355380

V. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
i. If you are interested in joining any of the following committees (as I would strongly urge you to; it is good experience and fun!) or have doubts/clarifications, please contact me.
a. All University Judiciary http://www.studentconduct.dso.iastate.edu/committees
b. Transportation Advisory Council http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=15
c. University Committee on Disabilities http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=31

d. University Committee on Lectures http://www.lectures.iastate.edu/about/committee/about.php
e. University Committee on Women http://www.provost.iastate.edu/what-we-do/committee-on-women
f. International Student Advisory Board http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=163
g. Computation Advisory Committee https://www.it.iastate.edu/committees/cac/

ii. NAGPS

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

600,000+ graduate-professional students

90+ universities

one voice of grad/prof students in the US

NAGPS is the only entirely student-run, volunteer organization representing graduate and professional students at private and public universities throughout the United States. Since 1986, NAGPS has advocated for graduate and professional students and provided resources and information for our legislative leaders about the power and benefit of graduate education.

OUR PLATFORM

NAGPS advocates for graduate and professional student issues including:

- **Reunification** of graduate and undergraduate loan rates to reverse the current inequalities and **Reinstatement** of in-school interest subsidy for graduate-professional student loans
- **Domestic revalidation of type F student visas**
- **Open access** to publicly-funded research to ensure that American taxpayers have access to the latest research, which will spur innovation and help grow the economy
- **Continued and sustained funding for higher education, and research in science, the arts and humanities** to power our economy, improve our society, and support jobs for advanced-degree students
- **Immigration reform** that recognizes the importance of the US retaining its intellectual capital by increasing the number of visas and Green Cards available to DREAM Act and international students with advanced degrees to stay in the US and contribute to our economy

WHAT WE DO

NAGPS provides three core services to graduate-professional students in the US:

ADVOCACY

Coordinated federal and state advocacy on issues that impact students

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Events, workshops, and publications designed to empower the next generation of leaders in the US

RESOURCES

Access to benefits and services that help save students money and improve their quality of life

LEARN MORE ONLINE AT NAGPS.ORG

VI. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
   i. Distribution of PAGs in accordance with the PAG policy.
   ii. Some application problems with the on-line form were solved by GPSS-CIO in the month of July
   iii. PAG Committee has been established with the following members:
      a. Juan Duchimaza
      b. Armando Figueroa
      c. Nadia Jaramillo
      d. Muhammed Walugembe
   iv. The first meeting with the PAG Committee will be on September and we will meet once per month except on the months where we need to select distinguish winners for GPSS Awards.

VII. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
   i. 3rd GPSRC will be on April 12th 2016 (Tuesday).
      a. Rooms are reserved at MU.
      b. We are working on organizing workshops and speakers. Suggestions accepted.
      c. BOOK THE DATE!!
   ii. I am looking for committee members for the
      a. Conference planning
      b. Abstract submission and judging
      c. Public relations
   iii. GPSRC 2015 survey will be send out to you all, please send it to your constituents.