

- I. Call to order 6:30 P.M.
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Statement of Quorum by the Chair (93% present, 7% substitutes)
  - c. Approval of Meeting Notes from January 2018
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda
    - i. Correct spelling of *international*
- II. Open Forum (40 Min)
  - a. Student Government Presidential/Vice Presidential Candidates
    - i. Julian Neely/Juan Bibiloni ([www.movingforwardisu.com](http://www.movingforwardisu.com))
    - ii. Ben Whittington/Jocelyn Simms ([www.whittingtonsimms4isu.com](http://www.whittingtonsimms4isu.com))
      - 1. Introductions and overview of platform
      - 2. President: You both have good ideas for the student population, but more or less what happens is that SG ideas end up being for undergraduates, while graduate students are on the margins. What is your plan to make them more included, and to improve and maintain SG's relationship with GPSS?
      - 3. BW: Would want to reach out, especially through the town halls, but as far as specifically helping, help get cost-effective solutions, as with OER, teaching assistant pool.
      - 4. JN: Currently SG is considering the "Articles of Cooperation," re: SG/GPSS division. We're in support of GPSS receiving more of graduate students' fees, and in communicating more often not just with executive board but with GPSS senators. Include graduate students in wellness, extending the counseling service and funding, looking at impostor syndrome. We want to make sure that you are a priority on campus.
      - 5. Senator: Are you planning to deal with the fact that we use prison labor for university furniture?
      - 6. JN: We would seek to change that.
      - 7. BW: Agree that we need to stop doing that, start using an ethical labor force. We'll take whatever efforts are needed to inform the students on this fact, assume that after that we could put pressure on administration.
  - b. Cyclone Carnival
    - i. Saturday, April 14, same day as the spring football game
    - ii. Treasurer: So, participation is open to SAC-approved organizations?
    - iii. Speaker: Believe so, yes
    - iv. Senator: Location?
    - v. Speaker: This will be right next to the stadium, in the parking lots
- III. Executive Reports to the Senate: (40 Min)
  - a. Report of the President
    - i. Senator: What does the student marshal do?
    - ii. President: To my knowledge, they lead the commencement procession. Every college has one. The student is recognized.

- iii. Senator: Only for PhD students?
  - iv. President: Yes, though I would prefer one master's student and one PhD
  - v. Senator: Agreed.
  - vi. Senator: Why not have the student marshal chosen from the graduate student leading, teaching, researching award? (throwing out the idea)
  - vii. Senator: Recipients of those awards are asked to stand and be recognized, currently.
  - viii. Senator: Can the student marshal be anyone, or someone graduating?
  - ix. President: Graduating.
  - x. Senator: Use same process as one of the excellence awards?
- b. Report of the Vice President
    - i. Senator: Is this change to Chapter 9 working on the draft that was passed?
    - ii. VP: Yes
  - c. Report of the Treasurer
    - i. Senator: How do you work with the Vending projection when we have the past experience of getting just half? And, what is the issue with them?
    - ii. Treasurer: I don't know why previous treasurers haven't made an effort to change the projection, but this time since we have no surplus it is affecting us.
    - iii. Senator: I know you've been meeting with different offices on campus re: our budget, and that budget reflects student not coming to ISU. Do you know of plans to promote ISU further?
    - iv. Treasurer: We have discussed the decreasing graduate student population. Professors are not receiving grants. Federal agencies are not giving the money they used to, many are on hiring freezes. Those who don't receive grants can't hire students. On the teaching side, decreasing enrollment decreases money, so the number of students that a TA has is increasing.
    - v. President: Current projections are for 17% reduction in applications. In-state applications have decreased 5-10%, international have decreased about 25%. Out-of-state applications are up about 13%. These numbers do not reflect who ends up coming to campus. Until this point, recruiting of international students has not been very intentional.
  - d. Report of the Chief Information Officer
  - e. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
  - f. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
  - g. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
  - h. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator
  - i. Report of Special Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business (30 min)
    - a. None
  - V. New Business (30 Min)
    - a. Senate Bill S18-02 GPSS FY2018 Budget Adjustments
      - i. Voting: 91% aye, 5% nay, 5% abstain
  - VI. Senate Forum (20 Min)
    - a. Nominations for 2018-2019 GPSS Executive Board Positions

VII. Roll Call and Announcements

- a. Akella: In work on Campus and Community Commission, we have been talking about a couple events to present/publicize graduate student work. One example is a booth at the farmer's market. A second is an exhibition with artists to represent findings uniquely. To push for this, the VPR is having an event on March 27, deadline to submit March 9. Please consider signing up! This would be an opportunity for people to hear about graduate students' research stories. Dr. Michael Dahlstrom of the Greenlee School is interested in this. Please share the events with your departments.
- b. Treasurer: The Office of the VP for Diversity and Inclusion is organizing a DACA 5k. The idea is to support and create a small scholarship for students who benefit from DACA, many of whom are encountering difficulties. Please share information with your constituents. Will cost \$20, include t-shirt.
- c. Taylor: As you know, we've been going to meet college deans, which has been productive in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. One topic that comes up is funding, which is under pressure. Vivek, Michael Belding, and I are working to draft some letters to state legislators and a letter to the editor for the Register, so please get in touch if you have any suggestions. Email is [kstaylor@iastate.edu](mailto:kstaylor@iastate.edu). We're seeking to communicate our value to them.
- d. URLA: We are also working on a letter to Iowa's federal representation on the PROSPER Act, so if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

VIII. Adjournment - 8:02 p.m.