GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019; 6:30 PM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

I. Call to order 6:35 P.M.
   i. Roll Call - 48 out of 72 meet
   ii. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
   iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from February
   iv. Amendments to the Agenda

II. Open Forum (40 Min)
   i. None

III. Executive Reports to the Senate: (40 Min)
   i. Report of the President
   ii. Report of the Vice President
      a. Perfect Games April 12th 6:30-9 pm
         1. Free pizza, soda and water
      b. Rent Musical - $19
   iii. Report of the Treasurer
      a. Executive initiative – new item (i.e. PAG grants for system updates)
         1. $1,000 as new item and $3,000 as surplus and need executive board approval.
            1. Movement of money needs approval of the Senators.
         2. Senator 1: If there is leftover money from the previous years – will this carryover into the surplus for the following year.
         3. Treasurer: Yes. We have more money and next year we secured $9,000 and $6,000 to GSPRC from the Graduate College. Rest of the money is going to PAG – because of the high demands.
         4. Senator 2: who will have a final say in the payment – who has the final say. How will this work out.
         5. One of the Executive members 0 will need approval of the entire board 0 but if it’s more than that, then they can use it or carryover to the executive board.
         6. Senator 2: If one of the members doesn’t agree with how the money will be spent, how will this work out? Can this be vetoed by any executive member?
         7. Treasurer: There’s no veto, just a general vote by the executive board.
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iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer
v. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
vi. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
vii. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
   a. PAG end-of-the-year statistics
      1. Year with PAG
   b. Awards being submitted for Graduate College Award
viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator
    a. Acceptances have been given
    b. Poster board size confirmation
    c. Treasurer completed all of the finances and booklets, judging forms
       1. Need help with preparing the documents! Free pizza and soda.
    d. Hands-on CV/Resume – CCE to look at CV and resume on the spot.
    e. Professional photographs will be taken by photographer (free).
    f. ISU Grad Story – How many have reached out to matched up individuals and how is it going.
    g. Senator 1: I was interviewed 2 hours ago. It was easy and straightforward. It was fun to do the interview and I appreciated the interview being conducted. The interviewee plans to send me the document.
ix. Report of Special Committees

IV. Unfinished Business (30 min)
i. None

V. New Business (30 Min)
i. SB-01 Constitution Revision
   a. Motion to consider as read.
      1. 2 changes – make the marketing and public relations committee a permanent committee.
      2. Office hour change – for senators to meet with DOGE and students to allow for students to extend the flow of information.
         1. Senator 1: It says all senators are expected to meet with Dept Admin at least once/semester. Does it mean each senator needs to meet that hour, or can it be spread throughout?
         2. President: All senators are expected to meet – we want all representatives to meet. Share opinion.
3. **Senator 2**: A choice is nice – but no agenda if you didn’t talk to the DOGE about. Get a general idea of what the issues are.

4. **Senator 3**: Improving communication – doesn’t need to be the current complaints, but starting the discussing – ears on the ground to start the process of communication.

5. **President**: As part of the constitution – dissemination of information, legislation, etc. Sponsors – premium amendment – clarification to meet with University Administration – both options will work. Every department has different structure. If someone would like to propose an Amendment – we can do that.

6. **Senator 4**: One office hour per month – contact hours – each department structure is different. Making announcements to determine the effective. Contact hour – Senator can decide what that hour.

7. **VP**: Wording of contact hours and how we describe them. It’s harder to do and carryout – as compared to making it meaningful. URLA as contact person for the okay – we can talk about the wording. Reporting – what the contact hour is – legislates what the definition is. I can amend the wording to add a one contact hour. Needs a relationship with DOGE, Friendly amendment to clause senators are encouraged to have one contact hour.

8. **Senator 5**: In the event that there are difficulties – this would qualify as a concern and you would be able to work with the ULRA chair to meet with those concerns.

9. **Senator 6**: I am not sure it is explicit, something with more depicted verbiage would be required.

10. **Senator 3**: Agrees.

11. **Senator 7**: We know what we want the impact to between students and administration – not so much how senators do it, but to ensure it’s how they do it. DOGE responsibilities can vary.

12. **Senator 8**: Agrees what Senator 7 says, we are leaving it open to how senators decide how they want to make it better. To improve communication between graduate students and DOGE.

13. **Senator 1**: Going along with what Amy mentioned – I think a contact hour could potentially beneficial – as long as there is communication between senators and administration.
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(i) Making friendly amendment.
14. VP: constitution would come into effect next year.
15. Senator 1: final reading of the amendment.
16. Voting – 42 aye 6-no 2-abstain. Ayes have it.

ii. SB-02 By-Laws Revision
1. Point policy – you could miss 3 meetings, however this law will allow for substitutes to attend, unless you have substitutes for more meetings overall.
2. Senator 1: On Mondays – I have class – I contacted our DOGE to find substitute for the meeting. Contacting the executive committee position.
3. VP: Point policy – you could miss 3 meetings, however this law will allow for substitutes to attend, unless you have substitutes for more meetings overall.
4. VP: would have to vote 2/3
5. Senator 2: Current language – currently miss 2 absences, warning, and 3 removal. The current point system – still allows you to miss the absences. This would be more than one semester that could be missed without a substitute.
6. Senator 3: Do the points reset at the beginning of the semester
7. VP: it’s for the academic year only.
8. Voting: 45-ayes and 5-no; ayes have it.

iii. SB-03 Budget Adjustments
a. Large budget shortfall due to the graduate population. Mid semester social – so this would be to reinstate the budget for the Rent Musical – to take the surplus and place towards the social.
1. Voting: 47-ayes, 3-no and 1-abstain; ayes have it.

VI. Recess (10 minutes) – 7:26pm to 7:37pm
VII. 2019-2020 GPSS Executive Board Election
i. President: Eleanor Field
ii. Vice President: James Klimavicz
iii. Treasurer: Rui (Michael) Ding
iv. CIO: Ozlem Karakaya
v. GPSRC: Abigail Kropf
vi. URLA: Marcus Jansen
vii. PAG: Qi Mu

VIII. Senate Forum (20 Min)
i. None
IX. Roll Call and Announcements – 43 out of 72
X. Adjournment