# Executive Updates

## President

Suffice to say, things have changed significantly since our last Senate meeting.

1. I have had video calls with the Provost and the Dean of the Graduate College to discuss the P/NP policy pertaining to graduate & veterinary students, the mixed-messages and lack of communication or perceived concern for graduate students regarding 'work from home' messages, and general student health and wellness surrounding these massive changes to our lives.
2. Almost all other projects, policies, or conversations have been halted so that emergency response plans can be focused on.
3. The softball game with StuGov has been cancelled for this spring.
4. The position for the Dean of Students has been narrowed to 3 candidates, it is unclear how the next stage will proceed.
5. Unfortunately, the Vice President for Student Affairs - Martino Harmon - is leaving Iowa State this summer. There will be another search to fill this position.

Please reach out if you have concerns, or feedback that you would like me to communicate with the administration. We are included in a lot of their policy-making decisions, and it is important that we receive feedback to share so they can be aware of and address our concerns.

## Vice President

All GPSS social events for the rest of the academic year have been cancelled. The GPSS 50th Anniversary celebration, originally scheduled for May 13th, has been postponed indefinitely.

## Treasurer

1. **2020 spring regular allocation**

We received 20 spring allocation applications from different graduate & professional student organizations. After thorough discussion, the finance committee recommend accepting all 20 of them. Details are shown in the attached allocation bill. The organizations still need to accept the decisions. There might be some changes in the future. If you have any question about the decision, please email the treasurer ([gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu) or [rding@iastate.edu](mailto:rding@iastate.edu)) for more details. Online meetings can also be arranged. The link of the treasurer’s private meeting room is <https://iastate.webex.com/meet/rding>. In the senator meeting on April 6th, the treasurer will also explain more details. A bill will be submitted for senate approval.

1. **Solution to unspent allocation funding due to event cancellation**.

Because of the spread of COVID-19, many organizations need to postpone or cancel allocation funded events which were approved by the finance committee. Organizations can keep the funding in their account, which would be counted as unspent. The unspent can be used to hold the same approved events in the future once the condition allows. Or if the organization wants to use it for a different educational event, they have to make sure the new plan follows the allocation policy. It is suggested that the organization sends the new plan to the treasurer (gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu) to make sure it follows the policy.

Furthermore, in future allocation applications, the amount of unspent would be deducted from the approved amount. For example, if the organization has $300 unspent from GPSS allocation and get approved $1000 in the next allocation application, the organization would receive $700 instead of $1000.

1. **GPSS social events open forums**

Held on March 11th and 12th, The minutes were attached in vice president’s email.

## SEO

**Senator Survey**

1. A survey will be sent out to all senators within the next week or so
2. The survey is designed to get an idea of what your experience as a senator was like and other details specific to you such as:
   1. How is your department senator chosen or appointed?
   2. How do you share information with your constituents?
   3. Did you serve on any committees?
   4. Did you feel prepared and comfortable in senate meetings?
   5. Etc.

## SIO

No Updates

## PAG Officer

No Updates

## GPSRC Officer

1. Conference will proceed with virtual poster submissions on canvas
   1. Anyone who wants to participate email a poster to me by Thursday at 11:59pm
   2. Judges will view the posters over the next week
   3. Workshop materials will be available on canvas
   4. Canvas page will be available to participants Wednesday morning and available university wide next Monday