



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Executive Reports

Report of the President

- Senior VP of Finance Candidate Interviews Concluded
- BOR Meeting: Campus Safety
 - Agenda Items Focused on Infrastructure to support student safety
 - Lighting on campus
 - App development
 - Police and community relationships
- Potential for a drive-in conference for all Regent student/ grad senate executive boards
- MU Planning and Development Committee
 - Rebuild of the MU parking garage
 - How can we make the MU more of a destination for students?
- Provost
 - Reimagine LAS: managing programs running on a deficit budget
 - 15 mill target reduction
 - Main Takeaway:
 - Would welcome innovative solutions
 - Need more information on the timing and feasibility of potential innovation
- Dean Graves
 - Discussion on the interdepartmental funding issues
 - Course catalog
 - New associate dean for Grad College – will likely be involved with GPSS
- Margaret Ellen White Awards: Due Dec 5th
 - If there are multiple submissions from a department, senators will be asked to help the awards committee review submissions
- Interest in joining awards committee? Email me!
- Interest in joining an action committee to work on creating our new DEI committee? Email me!



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Report of the Vice President:

- In the process of finalizing the remainder of next semester's Senate locations
 - We will be in the MU in February and March
 - Our January and April meetings will take place elsewhere on campus

Report of the Treasurer:

- Ongoing transition
- Will be attending the student fees committee

Report of the Senate Information Officer:

- Will serve on CASTLE (the Committee for the Advancement of Student Technology for Learning) next semester to better represent student needs in how the technology fee is spent
- Created a Discord Channel for easier ways for GPSS to connect, hold conversations, and ask questions
- New email templates have been sent to Graduate College IT regarding the automated PAG fund emails to better clarify common FAQs from students who have applied for PAG funding

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer:

- Attended a Prep Session with student leaders from all Iowa Public Universities and Regent Crow on November 7
- Attended the Board of Regents on November 10
 - Conversation with Regents Barker, Crow and Risewick
- Attending the annual meeting of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students on December 1-3
 - Replicating the model across Iowa Universities
 - URLA committee



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Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Conference Chair:

- Confirmed GPSS Conference date for April 12 (Wed) in the Memorial Union
 - Put it on your calendar folks!!
- Had our first official Conference Committee meeting last week
 - Taea Bonner
 - Wei Chen
 - Chinwendu Ozoh
 - This could be you!! :)
- Survey for Keynote Speaker nominations forthcoming (for senators and constituents)
 - Meeting with Amanda Knief before Winter break

****Join us for our senator social event this Wednesday at Clouds (7-9pm)!**

Report of the Graduate Health and Wellness Chair:

- Senators' social is this Wednesday from 7-9pm at Clouds Café! Don't forget to come!