

Monday, August 29, 2022;  
6:30PM Memorial Union South Ballroom

I. Call to order 6:30 PM

Statement of Quorum by the Chair (passed)  
Amendments to the Agenda

II. Speakers

President Caine, Official Welcome

- Welcomes everyone.
- Encourages input and participation from senators to fulfill senate function in addition to everyone's responsibilities to their departments and the graduate and professional student body.
- Calls attention to the unique roles graduate and professional students play: teach courses, fill staff and admin position, conduct research
- Despite crucial roles, students can also be invisible.
- The senate allows students to influence policy, advocate for our interests as important component of the university

Dr. William Graves, Dean of the Graduate College

- Thanks everyone for being here, for serving as a senator and thanks the leadership of the senate
- This year we have a lot of opportunities to make real progress on issues, a lot of it starts with communication between the graduate college and other components of the administration with GPSS and the senator's communicating what happens here to their department
- Roberta Johnson is also an advisor to GPSS, mentions her dedication to GPSS and that she is here to help you in any way possible
- News from the graduate college:
  - Graduate school applications up 21% from last year and 57% from two years ago
  - Compared to peer institutions, ISU is seeing a greater number of applications
  - Over 6,000 applications were received this year, the registrar will take the official count of students on campus this Friday
  - Graduate orientations are happening by Colleges in collaboration with the academic college administrations Graduate college is sponsoring Lunches and Learn to continue student orientation on relevant topics, registration on the graduate college website
  - University transition to Workday, there has been a lot of planning around graduate students. Changes will start going live next year.

- Take advantage of professional development opportunities in the graduate college: CCE, career services, CERLT, preparing future faculty, 3MT competition
- Would welcome meeting with any senator, not just President and

#### Interim Vice President Campbell, Senate Education Series

- Introduction to educational series
- Prioritize senator engagement, not just sit, and listen
- Teach basic skills relevant to the senate: writing bills, etc.
- Introduction to GPSS (ppt)

### III. Special Orders

#### SO F22-01 Special Election for Vice President

- President Cain reads the responsibilities of the position as outlined in the governing documents
- President Cain nominates Caitlyn Campbell and asks if there are other nominations
- There is a 10-minute recess to allow for nominations
- Senator Ordas motions to elect Caitlyn Campbell unanimously
- Senator Mahoney seconds, no objections, Caitlyn Campbell is elected

### IV. Executive Reports to the Senate

#### Report of the President

##### About the President Position

- Preside over executive council and general meetings of the GPSS student body
- Represent GPSS at the Board of Regents, Graduate Council, Special Student Fee and Tuition Committee, MU Advisory Board meetings
- Assume risk management for acts and events of GPSS
- Power to conduct executive orders to select and fill vacancies until formal voting

##### Committees

- Awards Committee
  - Want to join? Email [gpsspresident@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsspresident@iastate.edu)

##### Position Updates

- LEAD Retreat
  - Associate Senior VPSA, T. Younger, Associate VP of Student Health and Wellness E. Baldwin, Associate VP of Campus Life
- Board of Trustees, Graduate Council, Upper-level Administrative Meetings scheduled
- Grad College Lunch and Learns
  - <https://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/student/orientation/>

#### Report of the Vice President

##### About the Vice President Position

- Assume the responsibility of the President in the case of the President's absence
- Assume the position of the President should the Presidency become vacant

- Preside over Senate meetings
- Conduct the Senate sessions according to the rules of procedure set by the Rules Committee and Robert's Rules of Order
- Determine whether or not a quorum is present
- Chair the Rules Committee
  - Join the Rules Committee!
  - Prescribes all general and special rules of procedure necessary for the orderly consideration of Senate business.
  - Meet monthly --> email me at [gpssvicepres@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssvicepres@iastate.edu) to join!
- As Christine mentioned, we are in the process of scheduling meetings to attend on behalf of the Senate, so expect a fair amount of reporting on the content of the meetings in September.

#### Name tags

- Either Canvas assignment or a form sent out, so check your emails as we'll be sending out info request soon)

#### Report of the Treasurer

- Seat on Student Fee and Tuition committee
- Please join the **Finance committee**. Contact me at [gpssstreasurer@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssstreasurer@iastate.edu)
  - Allocation of funds to student organizations
  - Prepare yearly budget
  - Please circulate the email about the Fall allocations deadline, which is due the **last Friday of September (09/30/2022)** with **no extension date**. Remember they need to submit the financials if they received such an allocation last time.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [gpss.iastate.edu/students/allocations](https://gpss.iastate.edu/students/allocations). The page has a navigation bar with tabs: HOME, SENATE, FOR STUDENTS (selected), PAG, CONFERENCE, ARCHIVE, and GALLERIES. The main heading is "GPSS Allocations" in black, followed by "GPSS Regular Allocations" in red. Below this is a section titled "What are GPSS Allocations?" with the following text: "GPSS reserves a portion of its annual budgets to support club/organization activities for graduate and professional students. There are FALL and SPRING Allocations, you may apply for only one round. To be eligible for your allocation request to be reviewed, ensure your organization meets the criteria listed in the FAQ page (linked below). Be sure you meet all deadlines, and don't hesitate to email the Treasurer with questions!". A "Deadline: NO EXCEPTIONS" section follows, stating: "Fall allocations - due the last Friday of September at 5:00PM" and "Spring allocations - due the last Friday of February at 5:00PM". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 7:37 PM and the temperature as 77°F.

#### Report of the Senate Information Officer

- Updating senator list on canvas, mailing list and webpage
- In charge of attendance, voting and elections

#### Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Compiled list of University Committees and sent it out to each unit (President, Provost, Student Affairs and Operations & Finance) for feedback
  - 20 confirmed committees with GPSS representatives
    - 13 representatives have been appointed (65%)
  - 10 committees pending for confirmation from their units
  - In talks with the Office of the City Manager to include a GPSS representative to the Campus and Community Commission
  - List will be published on GPSS website after hearing back from pending units
- Coordinated a training session on parliamentary procedure for the new GPSS senators with Amanda B. Knief, the Faculty Senate Parliamentarian
- Recruiting members for the University Relation and Legislative Affairs Committee
  - Oversees referendums to student body
  - Advocates graduate and professional student concerns to university administration and local, state, and federal officials
  - Serves as a liaison to the GPSS regarding Board of Regents activities
  - Send email to [gpsseo@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsseo@iastate.edu) if interested
- College Chair Positions

#### Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Conference Chair

- Organizes GPSS Conference
- Leads Conference Committee
- Fundraise thru Departments and invite keynote speaker(s)
- **Join the Conference Committee!** Email Ryan at [gpsconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsconfchair@iastate.edu)
- Conference scheduled for April. Spread the word, senators!

#### Report of the Student Government Senators At-Large

- Both senators introduce themselves
- Yonting Goh – first year master’s student in finance
  - Vice-Chair of the SG Finance Committee
- Edward Mahoney - first year master’s student in computer science
  - Speaker of the Senate

#### V. Unfinished Business

##### SO F22-02 Special Election for Graduate Health and Wellness Chair

- Senator Norrozi from CBE nominates herself and expresses interest in improving mental health resources

- Senator Johnson motions to close nominations and elect Senator Noroozi by unanimous consent
- Senator Goh seconds
- No opposition, Kimia elected

VI. New Business

Senate Bill S22-01 Standing Rules

- Senator Mahoney moves to consider bill read, seconded and no opposition (approved)

VII. Senate Forum

PAG Update

- Question about PAG system status from last year
- Efrain addressed the question about the PAG system breaking over summer
- System is currently operating correctly

Finance Committee Questions

- Senator Harish was in the finance committee last year and addressed the prospect of funding an increase in PAG amount from surplus amount
- Bill was voted down due to uncertainty about funding source/reserve
- Harish mentioned that the finance committee had trouble determining the formula for the senate finance bill

VIII. Roll Call and Announcements

- Dean of LAS – committee meeting, meet and greet on September meeting
- Senator at large – off campus senator position available

IX. Adjournment