

- Monday, February 27th 2023; 6:30 PM
- Memorial Union Sun Room
- Call to order 6:30 PM
 - Roll Call
 - Statement of Quorum by the Chair
 - Quorum confirmed
 - Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes approved
 - Amendments to the Agenda
 - None presented
 - Agenda approved
- Speakers
 - Kristin Terrill, Graduate Student Services Specialist Center for Communication Excellence
 - Director of CCE has become an Associate Dean of Grad College (Dr. Cotos)
 - CCE Programs
 - One-on-one feedback
 - Oral English Certification Test
 - Upcoming events
 - Public speaking (Feb. 29 – Mar. 7)
 - Interpersonal Communication (Apr. 4 – Apr. 25)
 - QR code on this slide
 - Job Application Materials (Feb. 28 – Mar. 9)
 - Academic Communication Program (AcComP)
 - First-year onboarding
 - Success track focused on continued academic communication support for graduate students to help them build and prepare high quality dissertations, theses, and creative components.
 - Competitive Funding Program
 - Aims
 - Increase Iowa State's student' awareness of NCAs and other competitive funding opportunities
 - Inspire and empower students to apply
 - Celebrate the efforts of applicants and achievements of awardees
 - Values
 - Diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - Transferable learning
 - Academic excellence
 - Cooperation
 - Community
 - Resources
 - CCE competitive funding database

- One-on-one feedback
 - Grant writing seminar series (fall)
 - GR ST 569, Grant Writing
- Will the database be on the QR code
 - The code leads to the schedule of events
 - Database is not online, only for people who come in to CCE
- How will the database be updated for new scholarships
 - Designed to be updatable, Kristin will add scholarships that she hears about
- When is GR ST 569 available?
 - Springtime
- Best time to schedule appointment with Kristin?
 - Use QR code link, then click on homepage, then find button for schedule appointment, then select NCA (Nationally competitive awards) for an appointment
- Chris Morris (Chris couldn't come, Anabelle Morris presented), Graduate Student Voices
 - Ongoing effort to organize to vote on a graduate student union
 - History
 - Started as response to Covid-19
 - Common themes that led to this effort:
 - Living wages
 - 12-month assistantships
 - Better healthcare
 - Worker's Compensation
 - Outside third party grievance procedures
 - A community of support
 - Legal background for organizing
 - Public employees have to right to organize, or form, join, or assist any employee organization
 - International students are included in this, they have a right to this
 - Engage in collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection not prohibited by this chapter
 - Strikes are prohibited
 - Refuse to join/participate in the activities of the organizing unit (Right to refuse)
 - Chapter 20 of Iowa code
 - How they achieve their goals
 - 10% of graduate workers supporting a "yes" vote to vote to unionize
 - About 213 people needed
 - 82% of the way towards this goal

- Unlock support from a parent union
 - Petition for a vote to unionize
 - Hold unionization vote
 - Get Connected: bit.ly/isugv (Form to receive news and express interest, protected information)
 - Website: isugraduatestudentvoices.com
 - Email: graduatestudentvoices.isu@gmail.com
 - Instagram: @graduatestudentvoices.isu
 - What does 82% mean for the goal?
 - 82% of 213 people have indicated interest in holding a vote
 - Are we allowed to promote this officially? It feels like we're sneaking around (How open should we be about this?)
 - It's complicated. It's up to individual people. This feels sneaky because this was behind closed doors until last fall. As they are becoming more open, they're trying to get leadership and more people active, but it can be slow going.
 - Should senators be sharing this in a public setting?
 - GPSS doesn't have a stance on this, so you cannot say that GPSS supports it. But, as a senator you have a responsibility to dispense that information to people.
 - Is that 213 who would vote yes? Or people who are interested in holding a vote?
 - It's people who are interested, but practically, if you're interested in voting, you'd most likely be voting yes
 - They need about 40 more people to unlock parent union support
 - Ryan Everett: You should look at benefits that Iowa State just stated that it gives its employees. Ryan doesn't notice getting some of them, and he thinks probably other people don't either.
 - State of Iowa's public employee salary book is public access (You can look up faculty and grad student salaries)
 - What can the union actually negotiate on? What can it do?
 - U of I's students are asking for a 10% base pay raise
 - Legal: Leave, number of hours on contract, how much work is in person vs. virtual
 - Illegal: Insurance, and a couple others (These others will be included in slides sent out – also shared in the Discord)
 - If you or anyone you know feels threatened by faculty or staff or department chair or anything like that, reach out to GPSS leadership, or GSV.
- Executive Reports to the Senate (5 min each)
 - Report of the President - Christine Cain - gpsspresident@iastate.edu
 - Not present, Efrain presenting on her behalf
 - Graduate council meeting
 - Protocols and policies about masters renaming conventions

- GPSS members and working in a few committees, including updates to graduate student handbook
 - Caitlyn is working with mental health procedures, if you're interested in these groups, reach out to GPSS leadership
 - Margaret Ellen White review is done and now moving to university leadership
 - Leadership research and teaching awards nominations due March 6th, 11:59 PM
 - If interested in being part of committee making selection for these awards, reach out to Christine
- Report of the Vice President - Caitlyn Campbell - gpssvicepres@iastate.edu
 - In about two months, GPSS leadership elections will be held
 - Duties found in governing documents and in canvas
 - Questions about positions, just reach out the person currently in that position
 - You can self-nominate
 - April is going to be a really long meeting
 - Senate participation
 - Why are meetings so quiet?
 - Poll will be sent out during senate forum
 - Recess at end of executive reports to discuss this
 - GPSS has no stance on unionizing
- Report of the Treasurer – Juan Panelo - gpss treasurer@iastate.edu
 - Not much to report
 - Allocation deadlines were last Friday
 - 16 requests
 - If anyone is interested in running for treasurer next year, consider helping on the committee for this
- Report of the Senate Information Officer - Garrison Gunter - gpsssio@iastate.edu
 - Email with invite link for discord was sent out
 - Good resource for conversations with email etiquette
 - Several channels for various purposes, including voice channels
 - Let Garrison know if you want more topics added to server
 - Looking for 2-4 members to serve as representatives to serve as advisees for student tech fee spending (Any one can do this)
 - 2 meetings a semester
- Report of the Senate Engagement Officer - Efrain Rodriguez-Ocasio - gpssseo@iastate.edu
 - Faculty senate met on Feb. 14th
 - Presentation from provost for update on peer institutions
 - Board wanted an update
 - Are we ranking well among these institutions?
 - Announcement inviting faculty to graduate research conference as judges and professors supporting students

- Drive-in conference postponed
- Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair - Ryan Everett - gpssconfchair@iastate.edu
 - Conference committee has been busy
 - Qualtrics survey has been sent to senate
 - Put up 3 conference flyers
 - Solidified workshops for day of conference
 - Immigration policy, graduate student services, mental wellness and health
- Report of the Health and Wellness Officer - Kimia Noroozi - gpsswellness@iastate.edu
 - Out of Darkness Walk planning is in progress
 - Let Kimia know if you want to be involved
- Student government senators at large – Eddie Mahoney – ermahone@iastate.edu
 - Middle of rewriting bylaws
 - Hoping it will improve effectiveness and communication
 - Major bills coming down pipeline
 - \$53,000 funding 11 or 12 solar powered trash compactors
 - Annual allocations
 - 1.2-1.5 million goes to student orgs every year
 - CELT (program on ChatGPT within higher education)
 - Three major funding partners doing programs
 - Iowa State daily funding
 - Student legal services
 - ISU lectures committee
 - Election season
 - Eddie is the only one running for GPSS senator
 - Student run food pantry called SHOP
 - Looking to give them a more sustainable funding program for sustained growth
 - Seen massive uptick in usage
 - Investing in freezers and refrigerators
 - ISU Daily fee
 - This has fallen through, negotiations were rejected by board
 - Renegotiating contract
 - Working on contract that is better for both sides
 - Better tracking of spending and annual audits
 - Specifically required to cover graduate students and GPSS
 - Student activity fee probably rising by \$5 (\$2 if ISU daily contract fails)
 - Hasn't risen in 5 or 6 years, and costs are rising
- Unfinished Business
 - None Presented

- New Business –
 - SR S23-01 Sponsors: Ceren Ordas, Efrain Rodriguez-Ocasio, Kimia Noroozi
 - Acknowledging lives lost at republic of turkey and Syria earthquakes. Aftershocks, thousands of collapsed building, more than 47,000 deaths. More than 108,000 injured. 150,000 people moved for shelter. Volunteers working to get bodies out, and rescue survivors.
 - Republic of Turkey has asked for support. GPSS wants to express deepest condolences. We want Iowa State to make an announcement about this event.
 - Encourage Iowa State to support future fundraisers for Turkey and Syria earthquake relief
 - Resolution passes
- Senate Forum
 - Online poll for how to engage senators
 - Mentimeter suggestions
 - Senator trainings, more social events, onboarding procedures, etc.
 - A lot of training information is on the canvas
 - Senate forum is a little late in the evening, makes it hard to be creative during
 - Can't move open forum without legislation
 - Could have mentee open throughout the meeting
 - Mentor/mentees
 - New GPSS senators connected to old GPSS senators
 - Moving meetings to later in the week would probably help
 - Legislation would need to change this
 - Discord is an app for chatting (it's very similar to Slack)
 - DEIA Committee
 - Added accessibility
 - Interested in getting grad student take on campus mobility
 - If you're interested in this, President Cain has a meeting tomorrow morning, email her about this
- Roll Call and Announcements
 - Boris Alledasi, Agronomy: Plant breeding and genetics having annual symposium. Anyone can submit abstract. Deadline is March 10. Symposium is on March 24. There are cash prizes.
- Adjournment
 - Adjourned at 8:07 PM