

Monday, November 28th 2022; 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 Notes
    - Notes approved
  - Amendments to the Agenda
    - No amendments
- Speakers
  - Regent David Barker, Iowa Board of Regents
    - Questions
      - Exec. Ryan Everett
        - What is the board of regent's stance on the lawsuit by Iowa and five other states to challenge Biden's authority to cancel student debt?
          - No stance
      - What is the board of regents' plan for budget cutting to recover from reduced enrollment?
        - There isn't much of a need for further budget cuts
      - Senator Katie Allgaier
        - What role did the BOR play in the LAS reimagining? And where did that money go?
          - BOR played no role, they were just informed about the process. Money has been reallocated from departments that had declining enrollment toward departments that are growing
          - President Cain can elaborate further on this
      - Exec. Christine Cain
        - What relationship does the BOR have with universities?
          - Members frequently meet with university presidents, deans, and labs to tour facilities, and discuss potential issues
    - Carrie Giese, Health Promotions Coordinator: Green Dot and Community Engagement
      - Did not come
  - Executive Reports to the Senate (5 min each)
    - Report of the President - Christine Cain - [gpsspresident@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsspresident@iastate.edu)
      - Attended senior VP of finance interviews. Haven't announced selection. Attended a BOR meeting with Efrain, campus safety was discussed. Campus safety infrastructure, camera surveillance, and a safety app

development. Student-police relationships, and requirements for police were discussed. Increased camera footage.

- Discussion with the provost about reimagining LAS. LAS was running at a deficit, and so budget cuts made up for these deficits. They would welcome ideas for how to cut budgets in a smarter way.
- Discussed with Dean Graves about interdepartmental funding issues. Funding issues due to departments not funding students after being funded by the college by the first year.
- Margaret Ellen White award due to December 5th, goes to a faculty member
- Interested in the DEI committee or award committee? Email Christine Cain.
- Course catalog discussion, Dean Graves doesn't have control over what courses are listed but not offered. It is based on departments, and it is hard to remove courses from the catalog.
- Report of the Vice President - Caitlyn Campbell - [gpssvicepres@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssvicepres@iastate.edu)
  - Figuring out meeting locations for next semester
- Report of the Treasurer - Kevin Chiteri - [gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu)
  - Last meeting, will be attending student fees committee
- Report of the Senate Information Officer - Garrison Gunter - [gpsssio@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsssio@iastate.edu)
  - Will serve on the committee for the advancements of student technology for learning next semester. Created a discord for GPSS, will be sending out email with invite link
  - New email templates have been sent to graduate college IT regarding the automated PAG fund email to clarify information for PAG funding
- Report of the Senate Engagement Officer - Efrain Rodriguez-Ocasio - [gpssseo@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssseo@iastate.edu)
  - Attended BOR meeting with Christine. Had a separate conversation with a couple regents about the grad student experience in general
  - Attending the annual meeting of the national association of graduate-professional students on December 1-3
  - Interested in replicated model across Iowa Universities
- Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair - Ryan Everett - [gpssconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssconfchair@iastate.edu)
  - Confirmed conference date for April 12 in the Memorial Union.
  - Had first conference meeting
  - Survey for keynote speakers forthcoming
- Report of the Health and Wellness Officer - Kimia Noroozi - [gpsswellness@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsswellness@iastate.edu)
  - Senators social is this Wednesday from 7-9 at Clouds Cafe.
- Unfinished Business
  - None Presented
- New Business
  - None Presented

- Senate Forum
  - Senator Boris Alladasi
    - Is GPSS involved in graduate student stipends?
      - No. Campus has a lot of different stipends, don't know much about who gets paid what.
  - Senator Kean Fallon
    - People weren't getting paid half in May and August, and they changed stuff without letting anyone know, and people were paid \$1000 without any prior announcement
  - Senator Daniel Sunne
    - Graduating this semester, there will be a new senator for History.
  - Reimagining LAS
    - Do any departments run at a heavy surplus?
      - Enrollment brings in income and tends to be the source of deficits. Students are now taking history and language classes at the high school level, so these departments are seeing a drop in enrollment. Most of the discussion with the provost was about these deficits. The university was willing to help departments with investments to change department technology, but they received none.
    - Do deficits plus surplus for departments across the university come out as positive? If so, can we use these surpluses to help departments with lower enrollment
      - Don't know, but budget cuts were not the same across departments. It was more based on deficits that had to made up.
    - Basically, it's all coming down to money.
  - Exec. Efrain Rodriguez Ocasio
    - If you're in a university wide committee or a college chair, and you haven't submitted an end of semester report, you need to do this. Will be sending out information on this.
- Roll Call and Announcements
  - No announcements
- Adjournment
  - Adjourned at 7:31