August Executive Report

Report of the President

- Welcome to GPSS!
- Introduction and Bio: What I do...
  - Personally: 4th year Ph.D. in Higher Education, GPSS senator since 2020, second term as GPSS President
  - As GPSS President:
    ▪ Manage the Executive Team
    ▪ Preside over GPSS meetings when VP is absent
    ▪ Serve as Risk Manager for GPSS
    ▪ Your Voice to ISU Administration
    ▪ Representation of the Graduate student body to external and internal stakeholders: the BOR, administration on campus, etc.
- Awards Committee:
  - Reviews and evaluates nomination materials, and generates procedures for awards distributed by GPSS, including our teaching, research, and leadership awards, the Wakonse Fellowship, and the Margaret Ellen White Award.
  - Provides recognition and monetary support for work well done around campus
  - We would love to find new ways to recognize and highlight the work, voices, accomplishments of graduate students on campus
- Committee Selection Survey
  - We will be sending out a survey to rank your GPSS committee selections and list of other university committees requesting graduate student representatives
- Updates
  - BOR Meeting and DEI Survey
  - GSV and Unionization

Report of the Vice President

- Intro & Bio
- What I do
  - Oversee GPSS-Stugov relationship
  - Assist and serve the president
  - Set agendas and chair GPSS meetings
  - Chair Rules Committee:
    ▪ Reviews all legislation before it comes to the floor to ensure it’s in accordance with our laws
    ▪ Meets once a month in the week before a regular Senate Meeting

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Intro & Bio
- What do I do
  - Faculty Senate
- University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee (URLA)
  - Monitors governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students
  - Coordinates legislative action days to visit the Iowa Legislature while in session
  - Collaborates with SG senators on issues concerning both senates
  - Recruit members for University Committee
- University Committees: 12 filled, 8 vacant (see below)
  - Faculty Senate (3): Curriculum, Facilities, Student Affairs
  - Graduate Council (2): Bio & Ag, Arts & Humanities
  - Library Advisory Committee
  - University Sustainability Committee
  - University Committee for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equity (UCAWGE)
- Email me at gpssseo@iastate.edu

Report of the Senate Information Officer

- Intro and Bio
  - Personally: 5th year Ph.D. in Chemical & Biological Engineering, GPSS senator since 2022 and SIO this past year through now
  - As GPSS SIO:
    - Maintains GPSS webpage, social networks, and e-mail lists
      - Next meeting we will be electing a social media chair that will work with me to keep GPSS’s social accounts active and up to date
    - Distributes and keeps current Senate information during meetings and in general
    - Keeps a record of attendance at Senate Meetings
    - Oversees the PAG system and responds to questions concerning it
    - I sit on the Student Technology Fee Advisory Group, Mock Semester Leadership Team, and PAG System WorkDay Transition Team
      - These groups and teams are to ensure that the technological needs of graduate students are met and that the transition to WorkDay goes smoothly and graduate students are informed about this transition
- Maintains our GPSS Discord channel, let me know if you would like to join to help facilitate communication among GPSS members
- Chairs the Elections and Operations Committee
  - Supervises GPSS elections and legislation votes
  - Notifies Senators and their academic units if nonattendance becomes an issue
- Co-Chairs the Marketing and Public Relations Committee

Report of the Treasurer

- Who am I
  - 4th year PhD Student in the Mathematics Department, second year senator, first year Treasurer
- What do I do
  - Manage GPSS finances, financial records, make purchases, approve things, etc.
  - Disburse monies approved by the Senate
  - Chair the Finance Committee
  - Work with the Finance Committee to make recommendations on allocations and the yearly budget
- Join the Finance Committee! Here is what we do:
  - Make recommendations to the Senate with regards to Allocations!
  - Come up with a budget!
  - Have fun!
- Benefits to the committee:
  - Have a say in the budget
  - Understand the allocations process
  - Resume and career skill builder
  - Time commitment
- GPSS Fall Allocations:
  - Early deadline is 11:59 pm on Friday, September 1st
  - Regular deadline is 11:59 pm on Friday, September 29th
  - Requests submitted by the early deadline are eligible for an additional $250 in allocation funding, for a total of $1,250.
  - Requests submitted after the early deadline but before the regular deadline are eligible for $1,000 in allocation funding.
  - Requests submitted after the regular deadline will not be considered.
- Treasurer Training will be taking place Tuesday, August 29th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Carver 0294
- Email me at gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu

Report of the Wellness Officer

- Intro
  - 3rd Year PhD student in Chemical and Biological Engineering, second term serving as GPSS Health and Wellness officer
- What I do
- 2024 Health and Wellness Symposium: Planning, Session topics, and more!
- JED contract
- Working with student government wellness chair (Anna Spahn)
- Cyclone Support (https://cyclonesupport.iastate.edu/)

- Health and Wellness Resources: Theilen Health Center, Recreation Services, Counseling services, Telecounseling Services, Green Dot, Nutrition Counseling
- Substance Free Tailgate (September 2nd, 9th, 23rd, October 7th – 2 hours before Kickoff – Iowa State Alumni Center, Southwest Lane, 429 Alumni lane)

- Join the social committee with me and Ryan!
Report of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer

Veronica Kiuna
New Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer
- Working with GPSS to help understand and support the unique needs of minoritized student groups

Why join IDEA committee?
- Working towards addressing IDEA related issues
- Making a difference in the minoritized students’ school experiences
- It’s new (we can do a wide range of IDEA related stuff)

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Report of the Conference Chair
- Hi, I’m Ryan Everett – PhD, English, Rhetoric and Professional Communication and TA
- Conference Chair responsibilities
  o Plan 2024 GPSS Conference - fundraise, advertise, and organize
  o Lead Conference Committee
- Confirm 2024 date - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHKsYeBJW_YH2wQk-tolzjNutc5RNaegqrqCnPj2b6EZGsg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- JOIN the Conference Committee!
  o Intrinsic and $$ reward
  o Have a say in keynote speaker, theme of conference, competition setup, or activities
  o Email your interest – reverett@iastate.edu or gpssconfchair@iastate.edu

- Join the Social Committee with me and Kimia
- Or the Marketing and Public Relations with me and Garrison

- Personal statement on this year’s goals
  o Keep building grad community
  o Support GSV efforts
  o Have someone learn the ropes of Conference Chair, so I can nominate them for 24-25’

Report of the Graduate Student Government Senators
Report of the College Chairs Representative
Reports of Standing Committees
Reports of Special Committees