

Report of the President

- Welcome Charity and New Senators!
- New Senator Training on Canvas
- Awards Committee
 - Research, leadership, and teaching awards
 - Wakonse Award- Extended deadline
 - Margaret Ellen White Award- MEW: Deadline Feb 10
- Spring Meeting Updates:
 - Special Student Fee Committee
 - Re-accreditation Committee: curriculum committee (will continue through fall 2024)
 - MU Director Search
 - Provost Search
 - Advisory Board to the President on BOR DEI recommendations

Report of the Vice President

- Chief of Police Advisory Board
- MU Director Search
- Mental Health Appropriations Request to Iowa Legislature
- Writing bills
- Constitution and Rules Committee
- Article of Cooperation

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Meeting with the chairs
- Senate order
- Lecture committee

Report of the Senate Information Officer

- Met with the Mock Semester Leadership Team this month, they are very happy with the number of graduate students registered (41) for the event that is running from today until Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 - Thanks again for signing up and sharing the link with your constituents!!!
- Updated event advertising/information sharing request form
 - Feel free to submit any events or messages that you think should be share with the graduate and professional student body that you would like shared through our GPSS social media accounts
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdV3TM6dOMPeWAB7rVXH4FBrF6dP5bWRoCUd4LQm-bplCdhQ/viewform?usp=sf_link
- Continuing to work with Graduate College to rework the PAG system to better fit the needs of graduate and professional students and GPSS as well

Report of the Treasurer

- Spring Allocation Deadlines

- \$1250: **This Friday, February 2**
- \$1000: Friday, February 23rd
- A new method of allocations is being looked at, but we may not be able to make it to a vote this semester. Here are some things that we are discussing:
 - This new method would involve setting up a separate allocations account and worktag
 - Allocation funds would be allocated to student orgs out of this account via reimbursement
 - Any org that does not have the money to cover initial costs of an event would be allowed to go negative without penalty until their reimbursement.
 - Misspending: any misspending would not be reimbursed, removing any need to keep track of it.
 - The only debt that would occur was if an org went negative to pay for something and then misspent money. If this were to happen, it then becomes debt to the university and not to GPSS. Eliminates the need for GPSS to deal with debt **period** (our alternative solution was to enter into debt contracts)
 - No deadline! Apply any time during the (school) year and the Finance Committee will view your application at its next regular meeting.
 - Limited to a currently undecided \$ amount each year, just like it currently is.
- Next year's budget talks will begin soon. If you have opinions on this, please reach out to me (or join the committee!)

Report of the Wellness Officer

- Health and Wellness Symposium (February 2nd, 9:45 Am – 3 Pm, Memorial Union)



- Graduate Student Health and Well-being with Elana Gloger (9:30-11:45, Room TBD)
 - **Is who you are as an academic different than who you are as a person? Is this affecting your well-being? Choosing how well our**

personal and professional lives exist in alignment is one of the most powerful ways we can improve our well-being as a graduate student. This session will teach you to define your values, encourage you to identify current goals, and challenge you to recognize where your values and goals may disagree.

Report of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer

- GPSS-IDEA town hall
 - Tomorrow 30th January, 15:00-17:00, Parks Library classroom 0198
 - Experiences/ Questions/ Suggestions/ recommendations and ideas
 - If you already have questions or suggestions, you would like addressed tomorrow, you can email me at gpssidea@iastate.edu or any exec member.

Report of the Conference Chair

- Registration is open! Senators need to distribute Registration. Email has been sent.
 - Link to Register https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9v1WXL1hy8b7Y7I
 - Invite your friends, students, professors! Anyone!
 - We need to recruit faculty and post docs for judging! If you have someone in mind, please help us connect gpssconfchair@iastate.edu or reverett@iastate.edu
 - Flyers to senators... Put this in your office or program space! (Thank you, Bo!)

Report of the Graduate Student Government Senators

Report of the College Chairs Representative

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees