Report of the President

- Teaching, Leadership, Research Awards & Wakonse Teaching Conference Award: Due Friday, December 1st
- Regents Institutions & BOR projects:
  - DEI and Board Recommendations:
    - Information Gathering Phase
    - Working with administration to anticipate response to Board recommendations
    - Executive team memo
  - Mental Health Funding

Report of the Vice President

- Board of Regents Updates
  - Passed the DEI recommendations
  - Next step is university implementation
  - Campus Safety
  - Mental Health Funding
- Articles of Cooperation Updates
- Constitution Committee

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- This is my last GPSS meeting. A new SEO will be elected today.
  - Transition materials have been prepared outlining responsibilities, recommendations, and deadlines to watch.
- The College Chair Council concluded its first semester since its creation.
  - An End-of-Semester report has been shared with the Senate and will be uploaded to the Council’s website.
  - Three pieces of legislation have come from the College Chair Council, all passed by the Senate.
  - College Chairs have met individually with the College Leadership, Senators, and GSOs.
  - The report outlines issues affecting students across campus. Some have been addressed and the rest must make it to the Senate’s to-do list next semester.
- All but two University Committee positions have been filled. You can find the updated list of committees and the GPSS representatives on our website.
- The Iowa legislative session will start in January. The new SEO will have a budget and the URLA committee to advocate for our interests in the Capitol.
  - I have started conversations with counterparts at the other regent institutions who will be available to help the new SEO in advocacy efforts.
  - I have also talked to Carolann Jensen, the State Relations Officer for Iowa State university in the Board of Regents, and she has agreed to come and give a training to the new SEO and the Committee before the legislative session starts.

Report of the Senate Information Officer
• Working closely with the Graduate College for the PAG transition to WorkDay
  o They want PAG allocation to be the same process as the way the university generally allocates funding
  o Students will apply for reimbursement after the event on WorkDay
• As GPSS, we want the following criteria implemented in the new system:
  • Monthly budget
    o Make sure this can be set each month for any amount
  • Students can receive 1 PAG/year
  • Make sure rollover amount stays in PAG
  • No one gets awarded a PAG without going through GPSS
    • Maybe incorporate flexibility/control for GPSS SIO in case of extenuating circumstances so applicants can receive a PAG from this rollover if the monthly amount has been reached
      ▪ If so, outline rules for doing so
  • Potentially separate first-time applicants in a separate allocation pool
    o Transition date: End of fiscal year if possible
• Committee chair page is up on the GPSS website
• All university committee contacts are up to date also on the website
• Meeting with the WorkDay Mock Semester folks again to finalize list of participants from the submitted PreRegistrations
• Met with Student Technology Advisory Committee on the 27th
  o They are interested in student feedback regarding AI use and the device requirement for students
  o Shared that Adobe Suite access would be beneficial for graduate students
• Redoing event/information advertisement form and student highlight forms in Google Forms
  o The forms I had created only had a two-week free trial for accessing the survey results

Report of the Treasurer

• The Finance Committee now meets weekly on Fridays. We are always looking for new members!
• F23-07
  o Moving unused dollars to new line items
• Current Finance Committee tasks:
  o Debt Contracts
  o Scheduled Auditing System
  o Updating Allocations Guidelines
  o Allocations Event
  o Rolling Allocations
• Future (Spring 2024) Finance Committee tasks:
  o FY25 Budget
  o Spring Allocations

Report of the Wellness Officer

• GPSS New Year Ball!
• Mental health funding
• Senate bill to dedicate budget for Family initiatives and plans.
Report of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer

- Board of Regents recommendations
  - Questions, suggestions, clarifications
  - Town Hall Meeting (sometime in January)
- F23-06
  - GPSS support towards IDEA initiatives in ISU

Report of the Conference Chair

- Theme decided - **Navigating Change: Shaping the Future of Graduate Life and Education**
  - Ultimately, we ask, how can we use current and pressing challenges as opportunities to rebuild and reinvent our graduate community to better support each other’s graduate work, research, and way of life?
- Met with Conference Committee 11/14 - The planning has begun!! 😊
  - Found extra funding source – Professors with endowments
- **Senate Survey for Panel Questions + General**
  - SENATORS – Please complete this NOW and share this week
    - [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ybGnhp3tITzKRM](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ybGnhp3tITzKRM)

- Registration survey will be a part of follow-up packet
  - [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9v1WXL1hy8b7Y7I](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9v1WXL1hy8b7Y7I)
  - *YOU WILL NEED TO SHARE THIS TO YOUR DEPARTMENT*
- I suggest reading this op-ed in reply to Dean Graves. Share if you wish!
  - [https://iowastatedaily.com/285494/opinion/graduate-student-voices-a-response-to-the-graduate-college/](https://iowastatedaily.com/285494/opinion/graduate-student-voices-a-response-to-the-graduate-college/)

Report of the Graduate Student Government Senators

Report of the College Chairs Representative

Reports of Standing Committees
Reports of Special Committees